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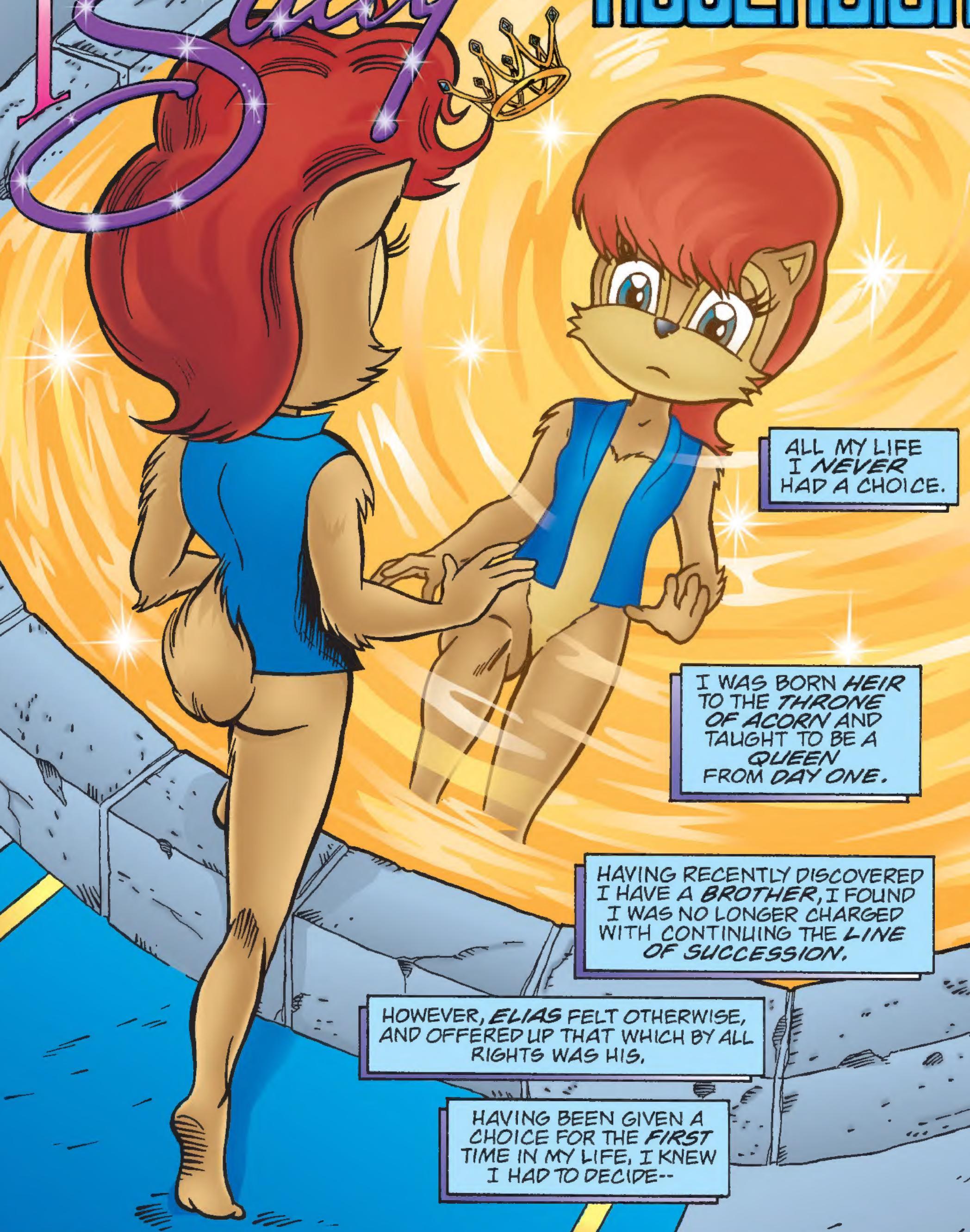
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PRINCESS PALLY™

In ASCENSION



ALL MY LIFE
I NEVER
HAD A CHOICE.

I WAS BORN HEIR
TO THE THRONE
OF ACORN AND
TAUGHT TO BE A
QUEEN
FROM DAY ONE.

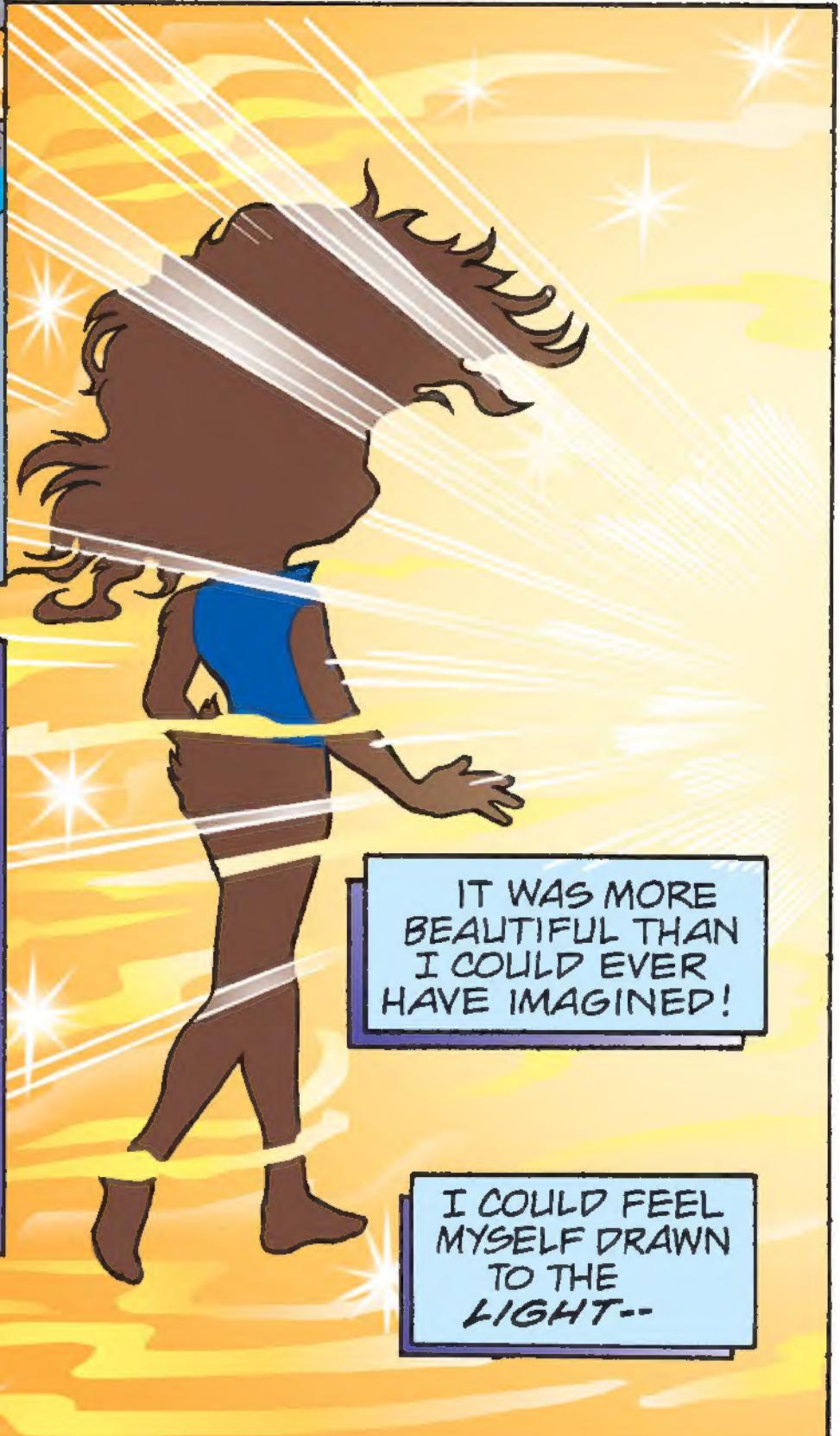
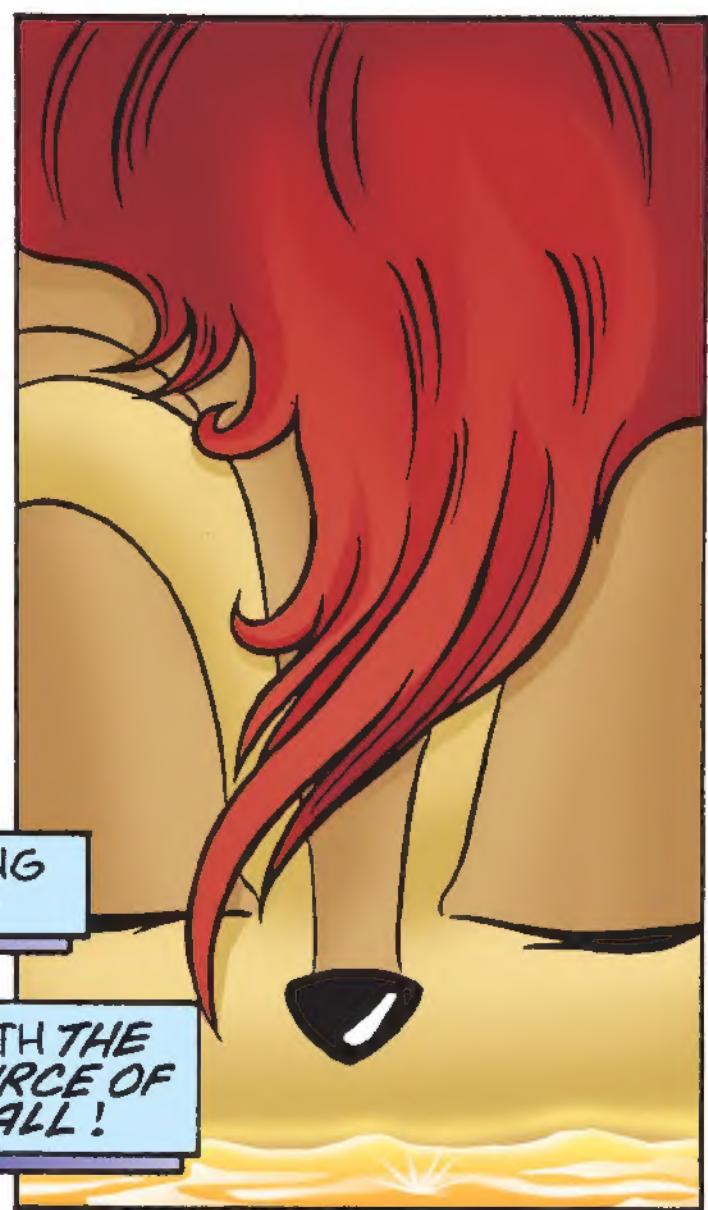
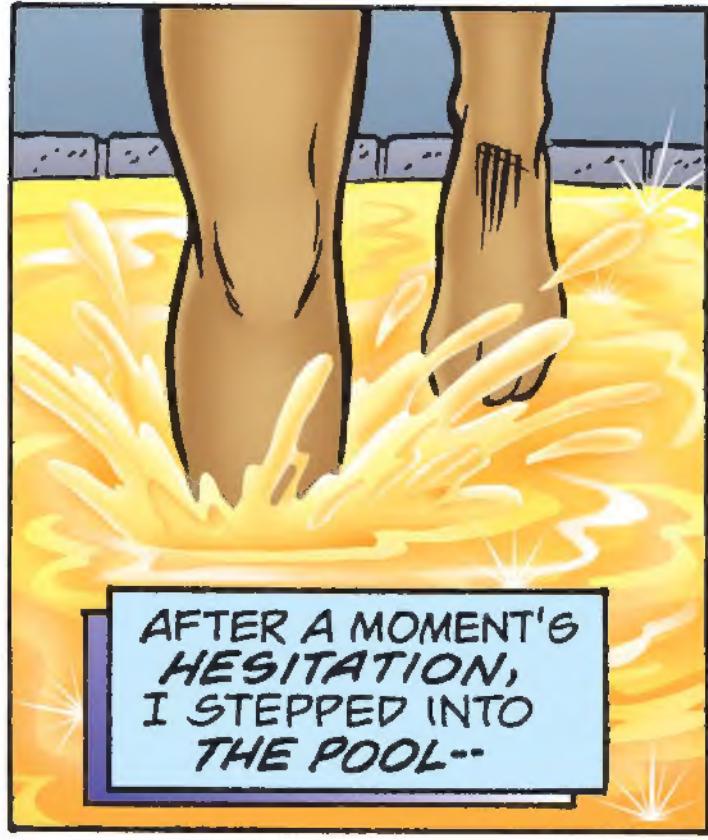
HAVING RECENTLY DISCOVERED
I HAVE A BROTHER, I FOUND
I WAS NO LONGER CHARGED
WITH CONTINUING THE LINE
OF SUCCESSION.

HOWEVER, ELIAS FELT OTHERWISE,
AND OFFERED UP THAT WHICH BY ALL
RIGHTS WAS HIS.

HAVING BEEN GIVEN A
CHOICE FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN MY LIFE, I KNEW
I HAD TO DECIDE--

-- WHAT REALLY
MATTERED TO
ME.

NOTE: THIS STORY TAKES
PLACE BEFORE THE EVENTS
OF SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 19
-- EDITOR



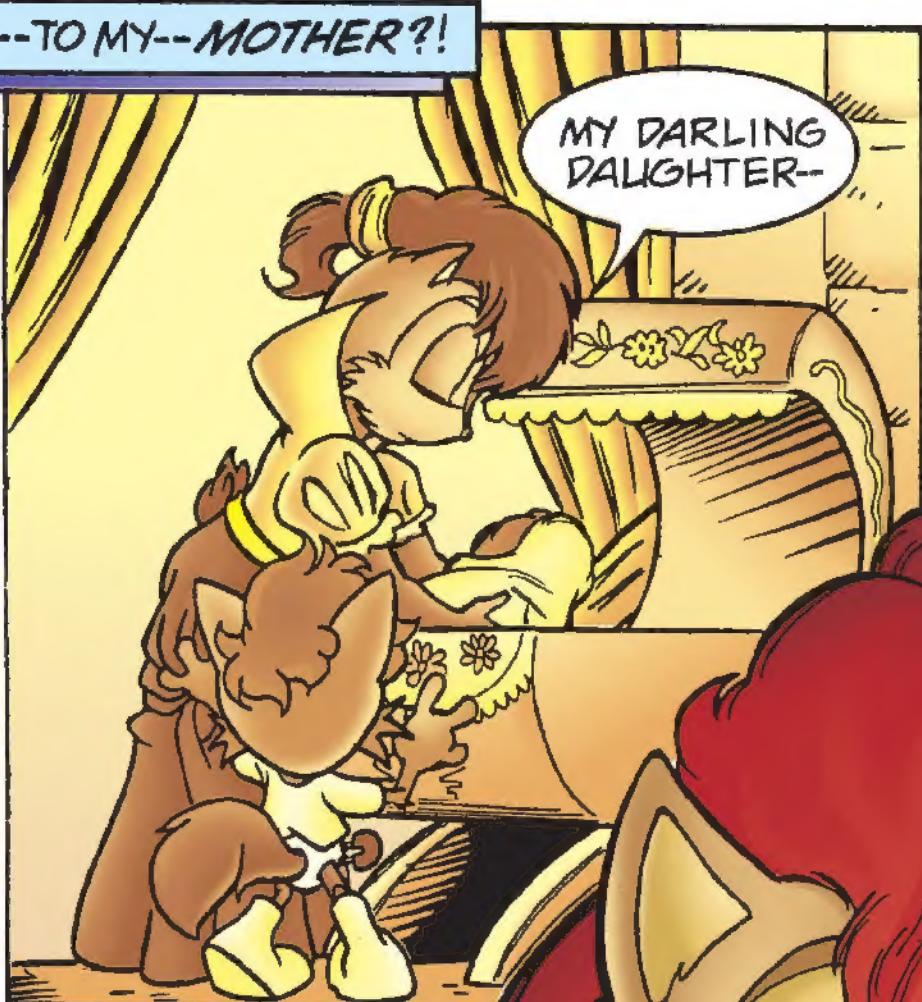
--TO MY--MOTHER?!

MY DARLING
DAUGHTER--

--I PRAY
YOU GROW UP IN
A WORLD THAT
NEVER KNOWS
ANOTHER
WAR!

OH,
MOTHER, HOW
I WISH
THAT WERE
TRUE!

I GUESS I
WASN'T THE ONLY
ONE WHO DIDN'T
REALIZE THEIR
DREAMS!



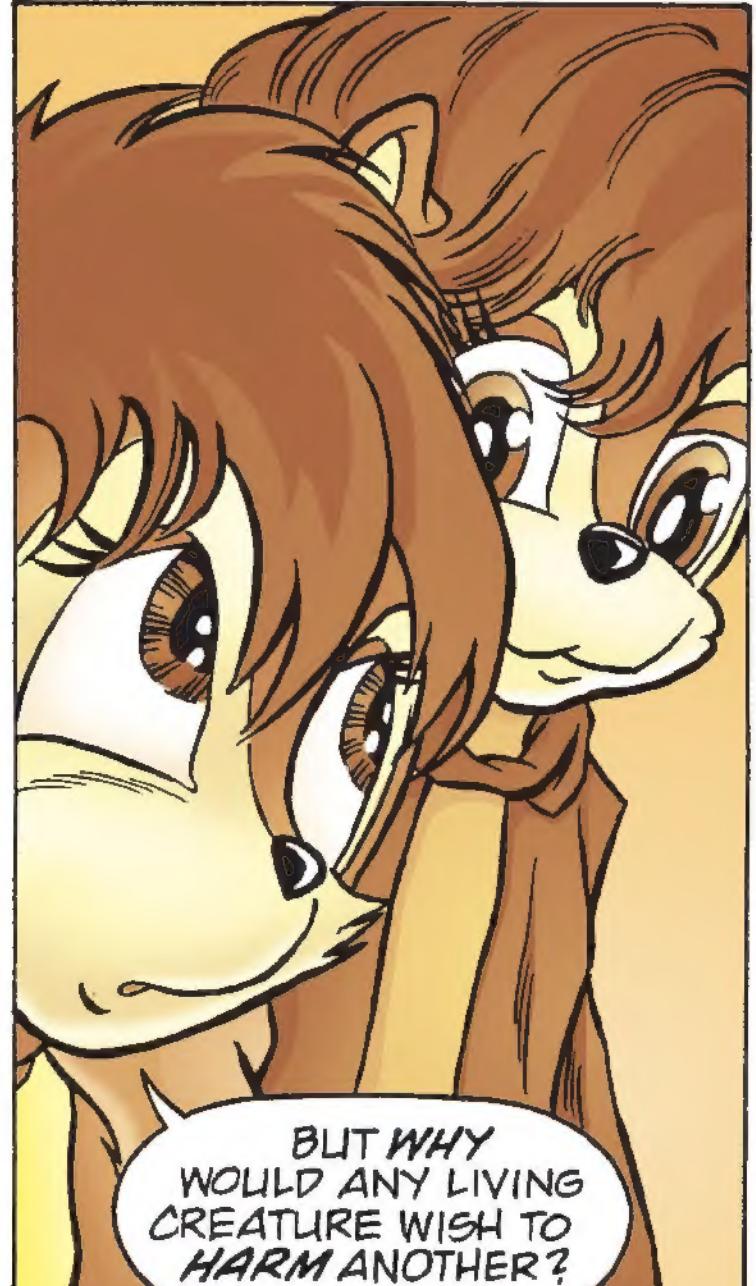
ANOTHER MEMORY
BECOMES REALITY
BEFORE ME--

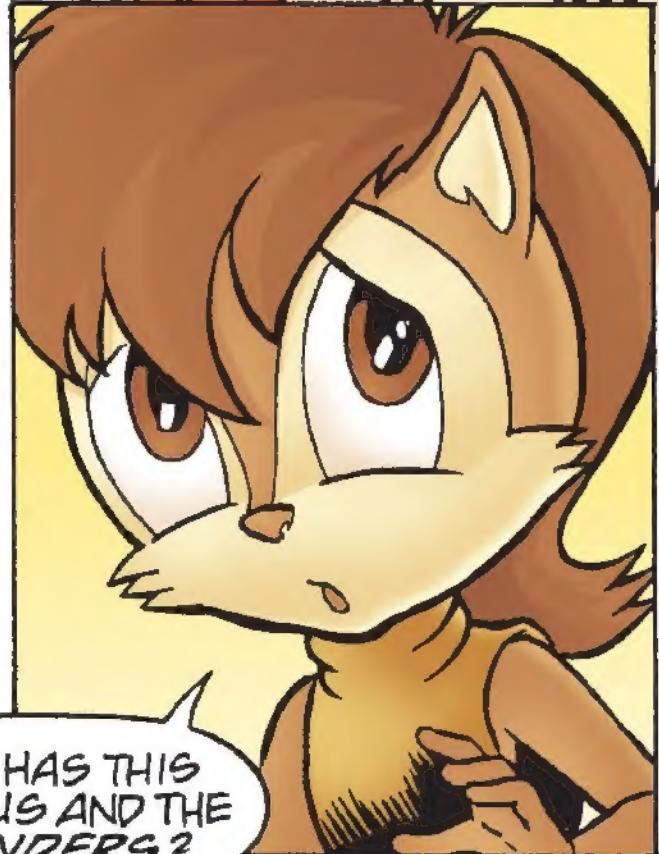
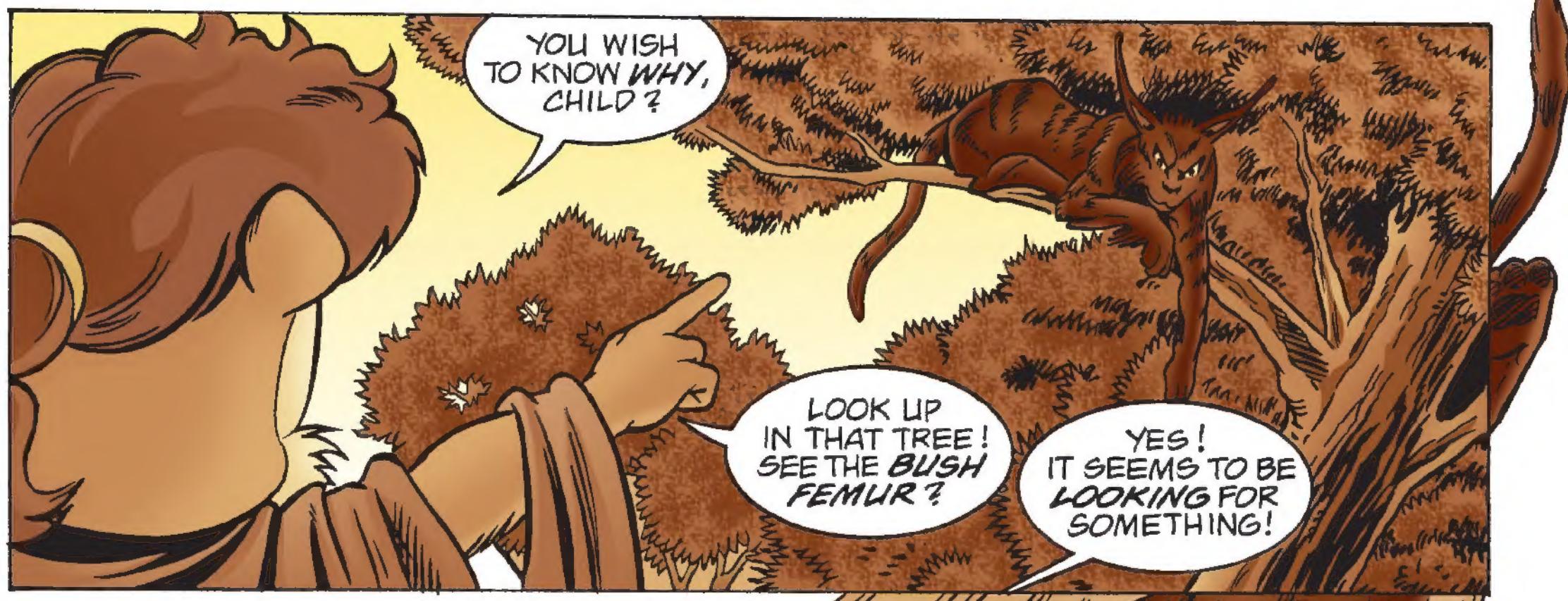
--AS I WALK THROUGH MY
FAVORITE GARDEN ALONG-
SIDE MY TEACHER!

DO YOU EVER
THINK THE WAR WILL
END, JULAYLA?

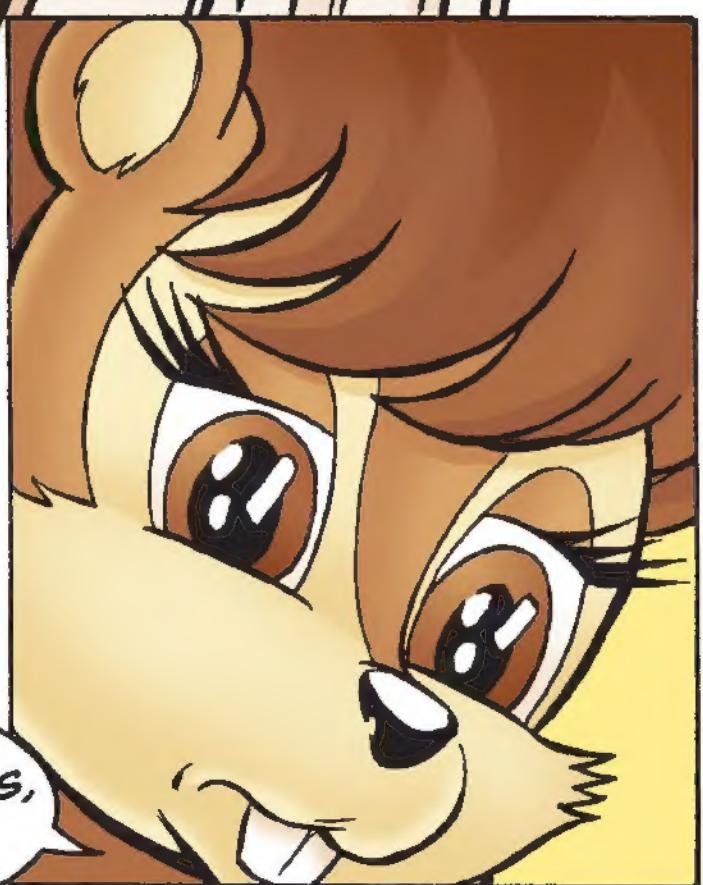
THAT ALL DEPENDS
ON WHETHER THE KING
CAN REASON WITH THE
OVERLANDERS!

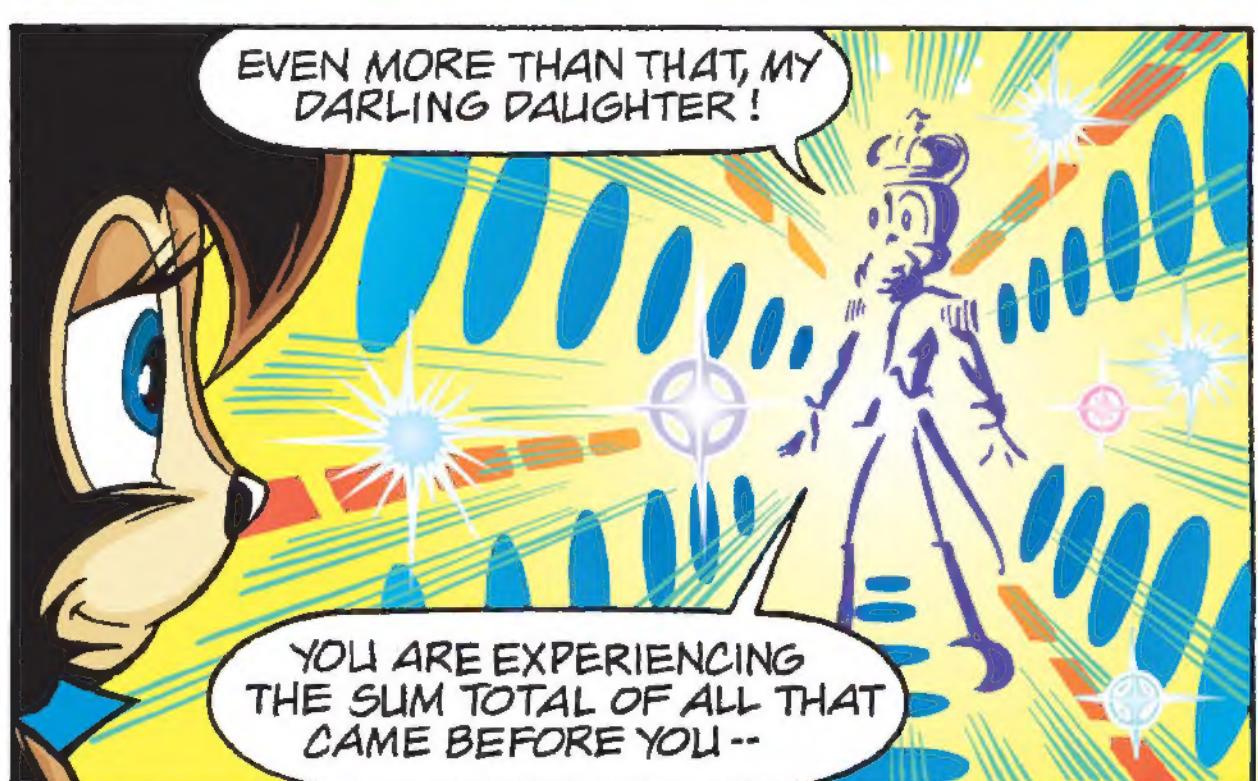
BUT WHY
WOULD ANY LIVING
CREATURE WISH TO
HARM ANOTHER?





WE'RE THE GOLDEN WINGSPANNERS, SALLY, AND IF WE DON'T FIGHT BACK--





AFTER ALL, I HAD YOU
AND ROSIE AND JULAYLA
SET THE EXAMPLE!

WHAT MORE THAN
MY FAMILY DO I NEED
TO TEACH ME?

IF I HAD
MY WAY, SALLY,
LIFE WOULD
ALWAYS BE
BEAUTIFUL AND
HAPPY FOR
YOU--

--BUT THE
WORLD CAN BE A
DARK AND
COLD PLACE AT
TIMES!

IT IS AT
THOSE TIMES THAT
A MONARCH IS
CALLED UPON TO
MAKE THE TOUGH
AND RUTHLESS
CHOICES!

I HAD
HOPED I COULD
SPARE YOU AND
YOUR BROTHER
THIS!

UNFORTUNATELY, ONE OF
YOU **MUST** TAKE MY PLACE
SOME DAY, JUST AS I WAS
CALLED UPON TO REPLACE
MY FATHER!

MY BROTHER! WHY
IS IT YOU NEVER TOLD ME
ABOUT HIM, FATHER?

BECUSE HE COULDN'T, SALLY!

HE
DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT BECAME
OF MOTHER
AND I--

--SO HE
BELIEVED
ANYTHING HE
SAID WOULD
ONLY HURT
YOU!

SINCE
YOU WERE THE
ONLY
FAMILY HE HAD
LEFT--

--PROTECTING YOU
FROM EVERYTHING WAS ALWAYS
HIS FIRST PRIORITY!

WHETHER OR NOT
WE AGREE WITH OUR
FATHER'S DECISIONS--

--HIS LOVE FOR US IS
UNQUESTIONABLE!

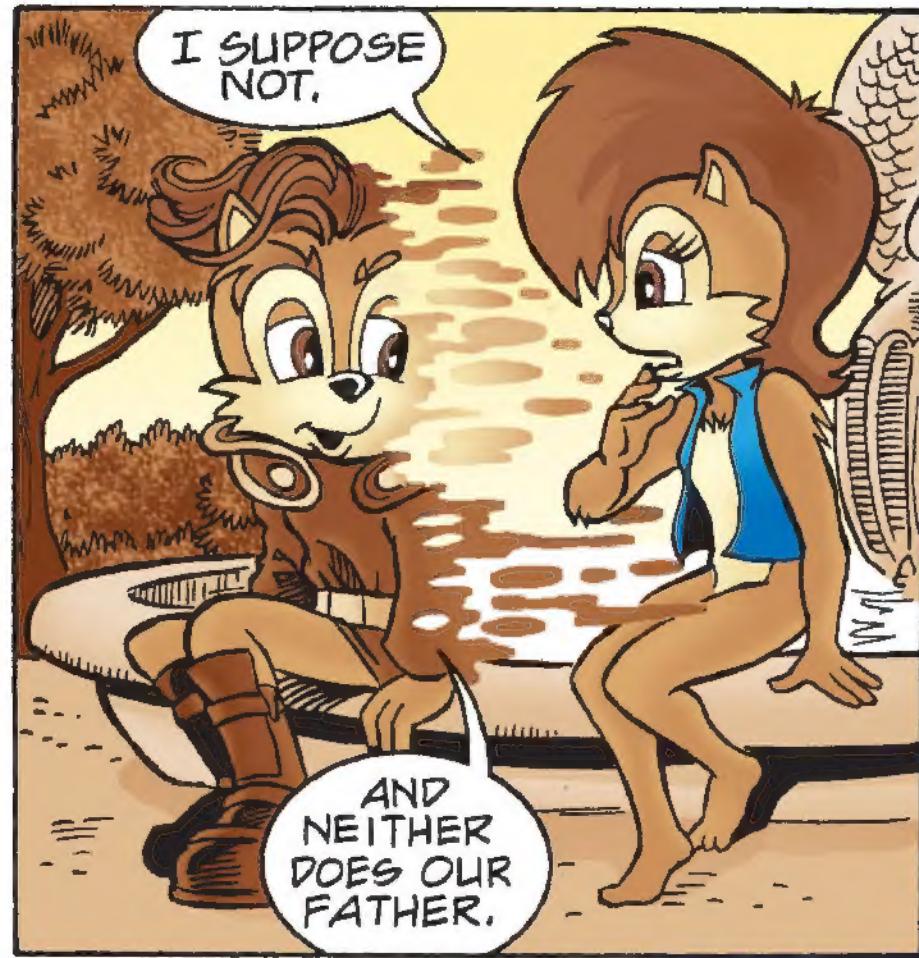
KNOWING WHAT YOU
KNOW, IF YOU WERE IN
FATHER'S SHOES AND LOST
YOUR WIFE AND SON, WOULD YOU
DO THE SAME AS HE DID?

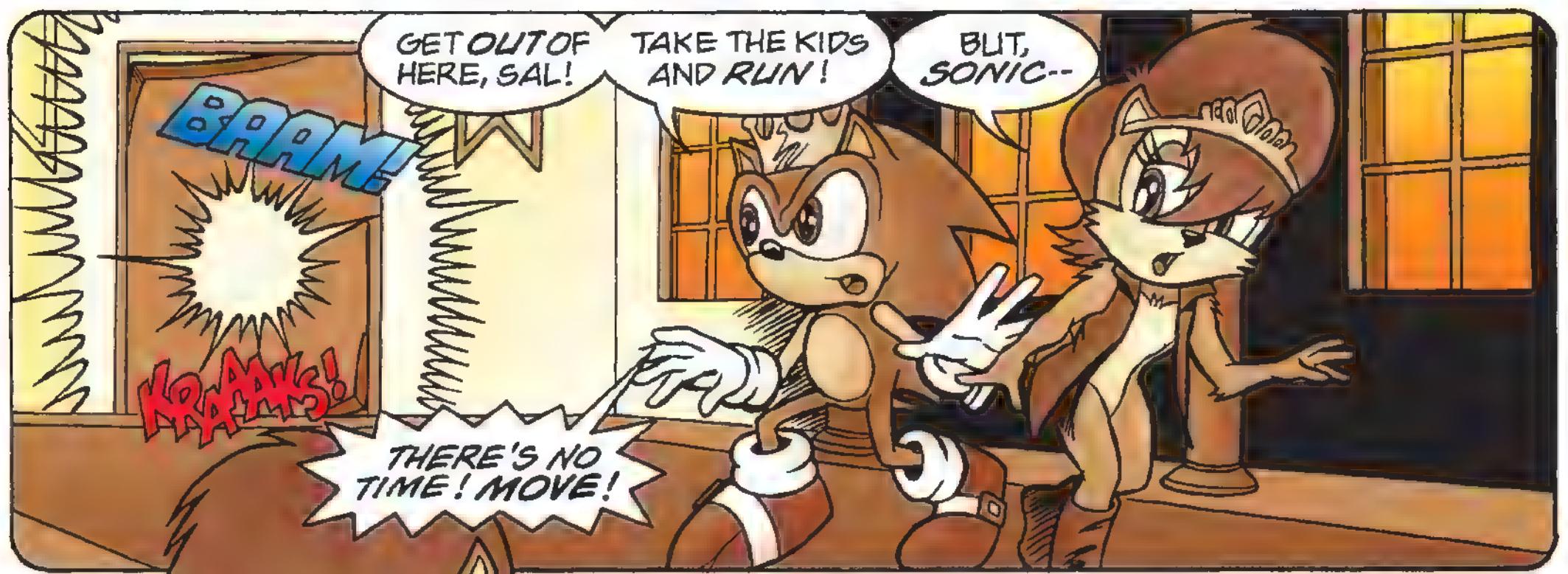
LIFE IS
NOT A MATH
EQUATION,
SALLY!

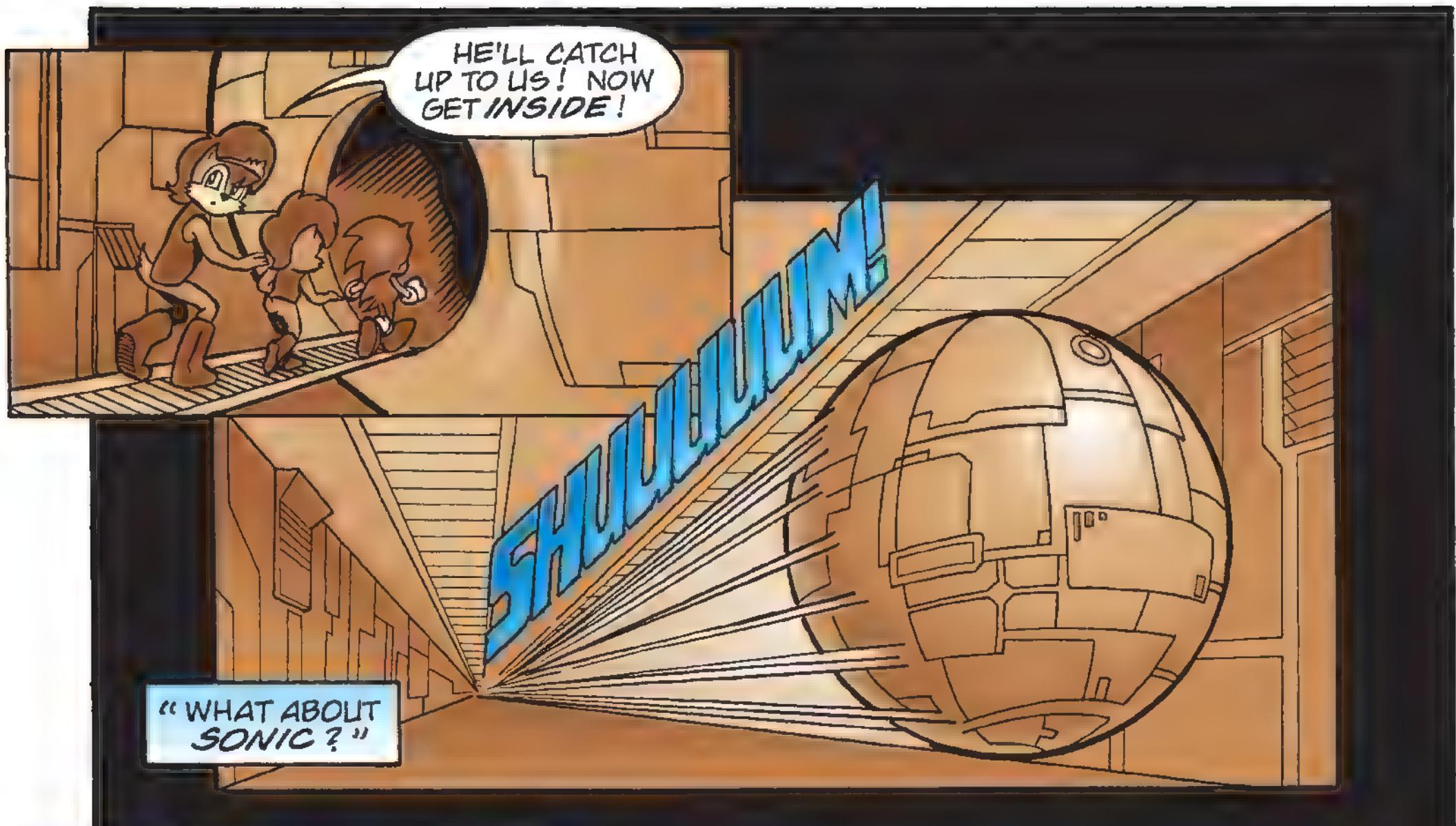
GIVE SEVEN
INDIVIDUALS THE
SAME SITUATION,
AND YOU'LL GET
SEVEN DIFFERENT
RESPONSES!

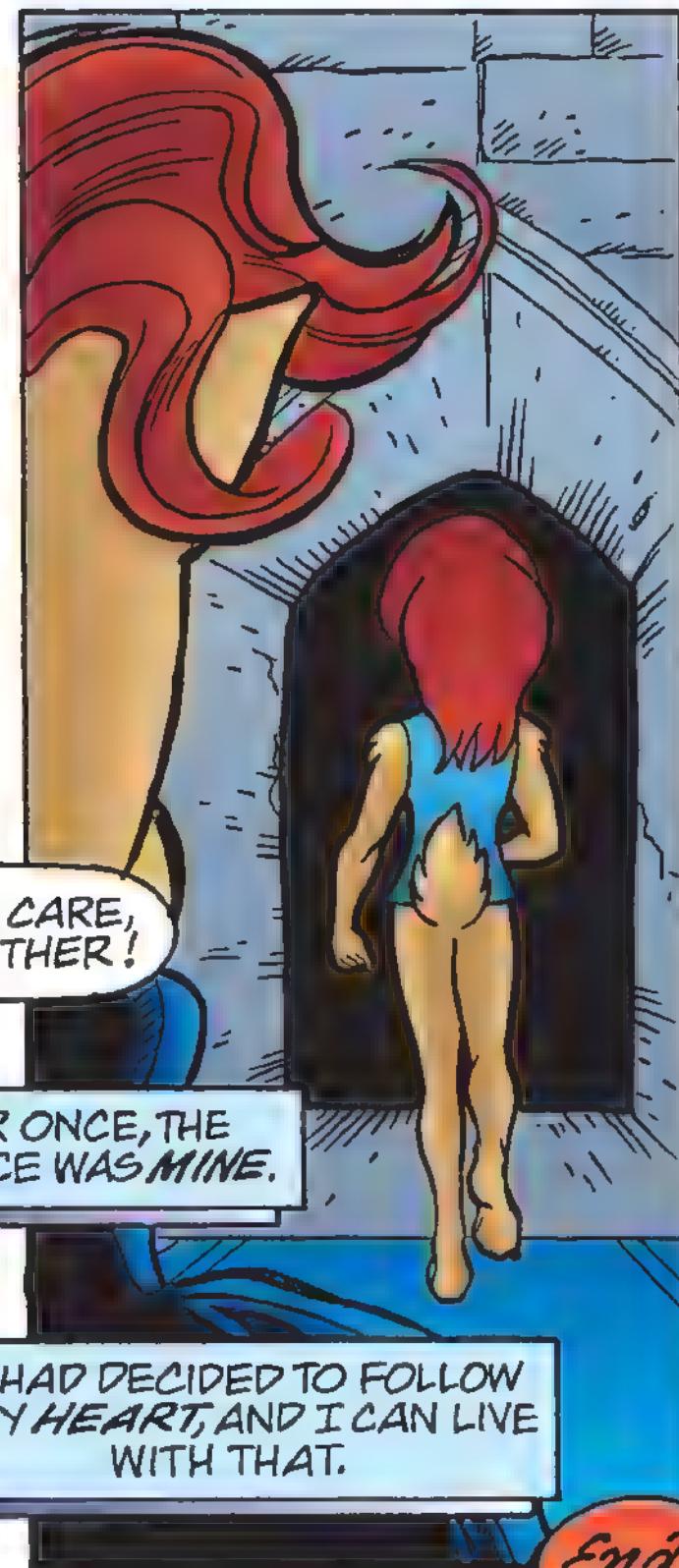
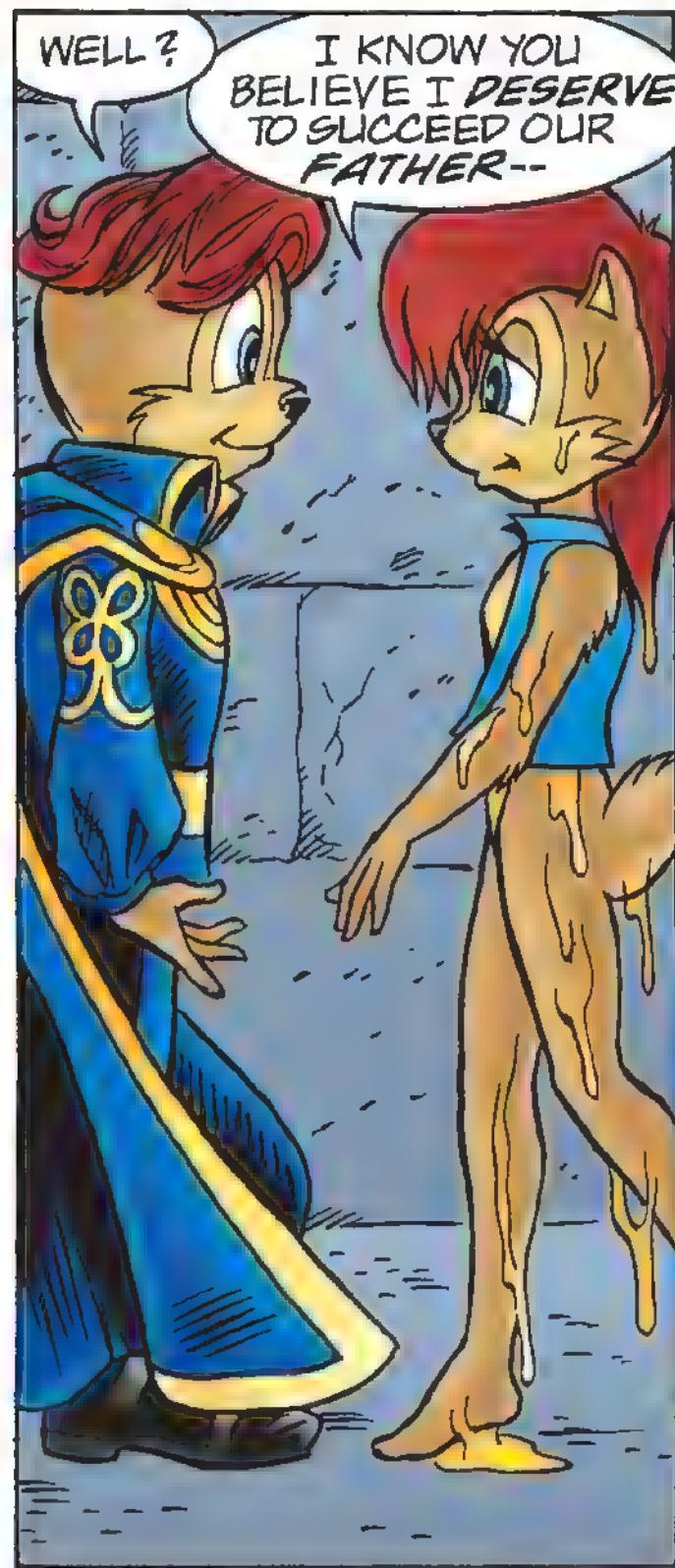
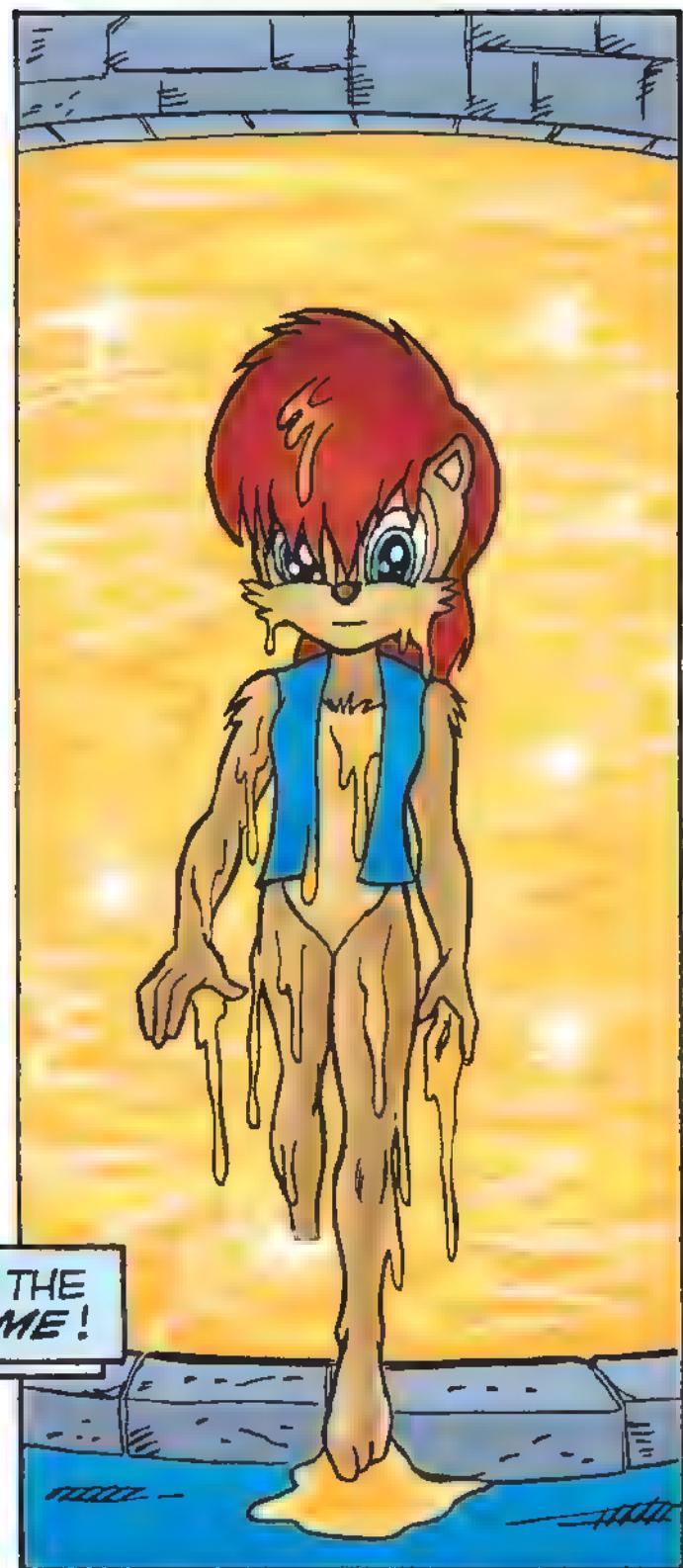
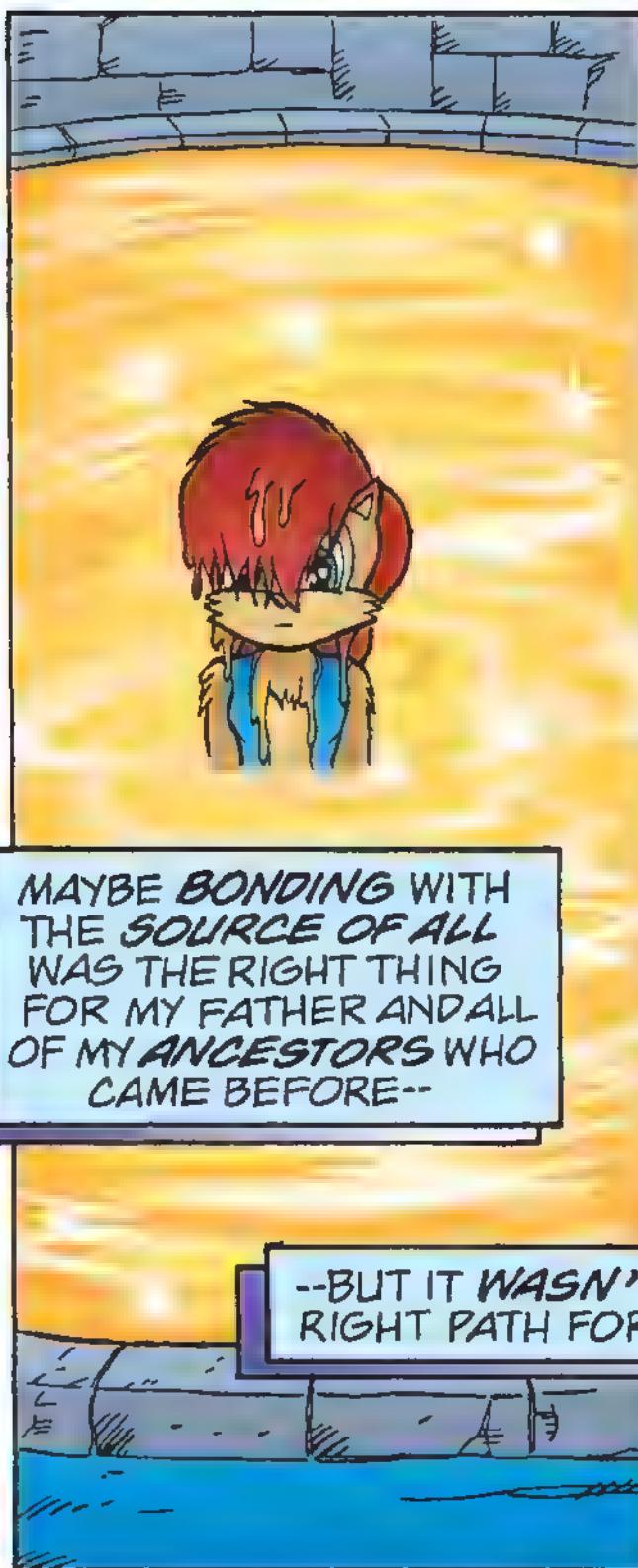
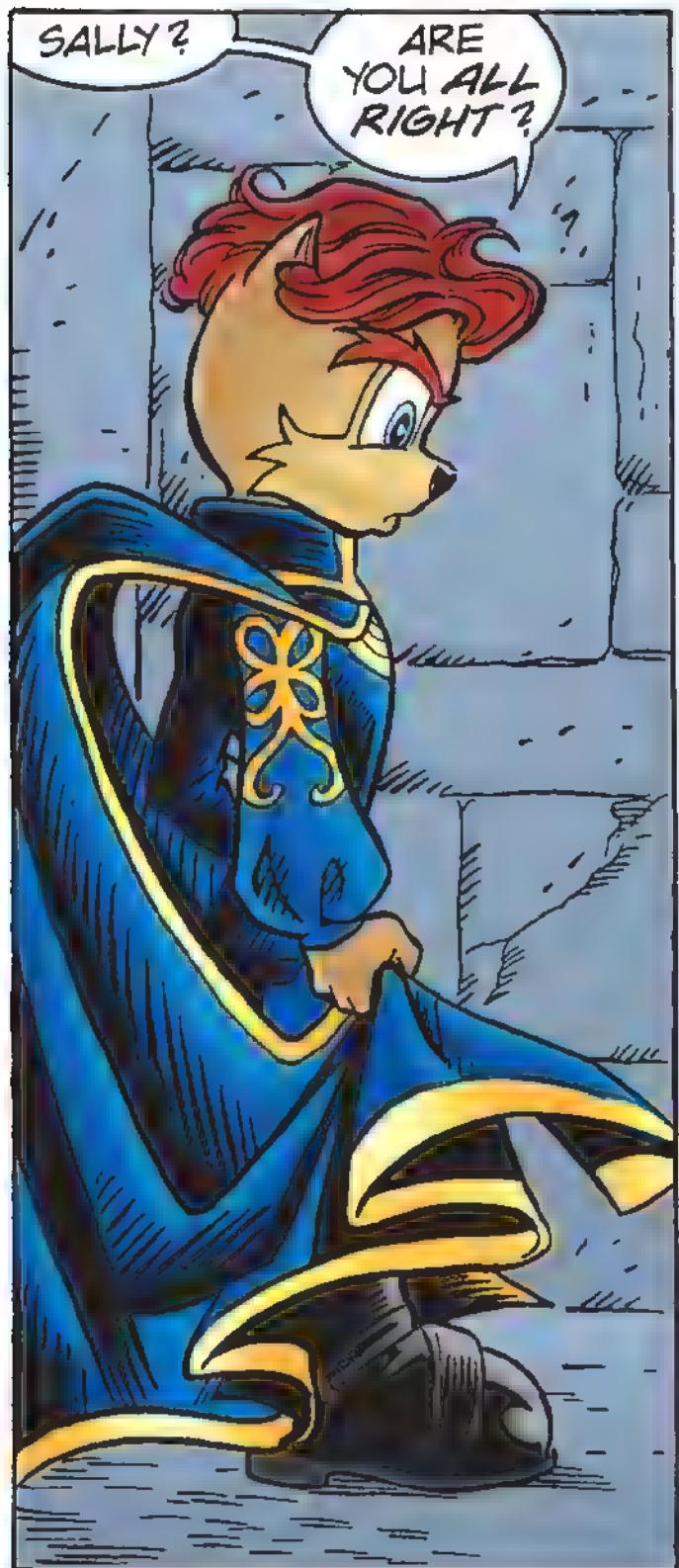
THE BEST
ONES, THOUGH,
COME FROM THE
HEART!

WHEN YOU
HAVE TO MAKE
A DIFFICULT
DECISION, DOES
THAT MEAN
YOU CARE ANY
LESS?









IT'S STILL
NOT TOO LATE,
HERSH!

YOU CAN TAKE
POINT WHILE I GO
CRAWLING AROUND
THE DRAGON'S
DEN INSTEAD!



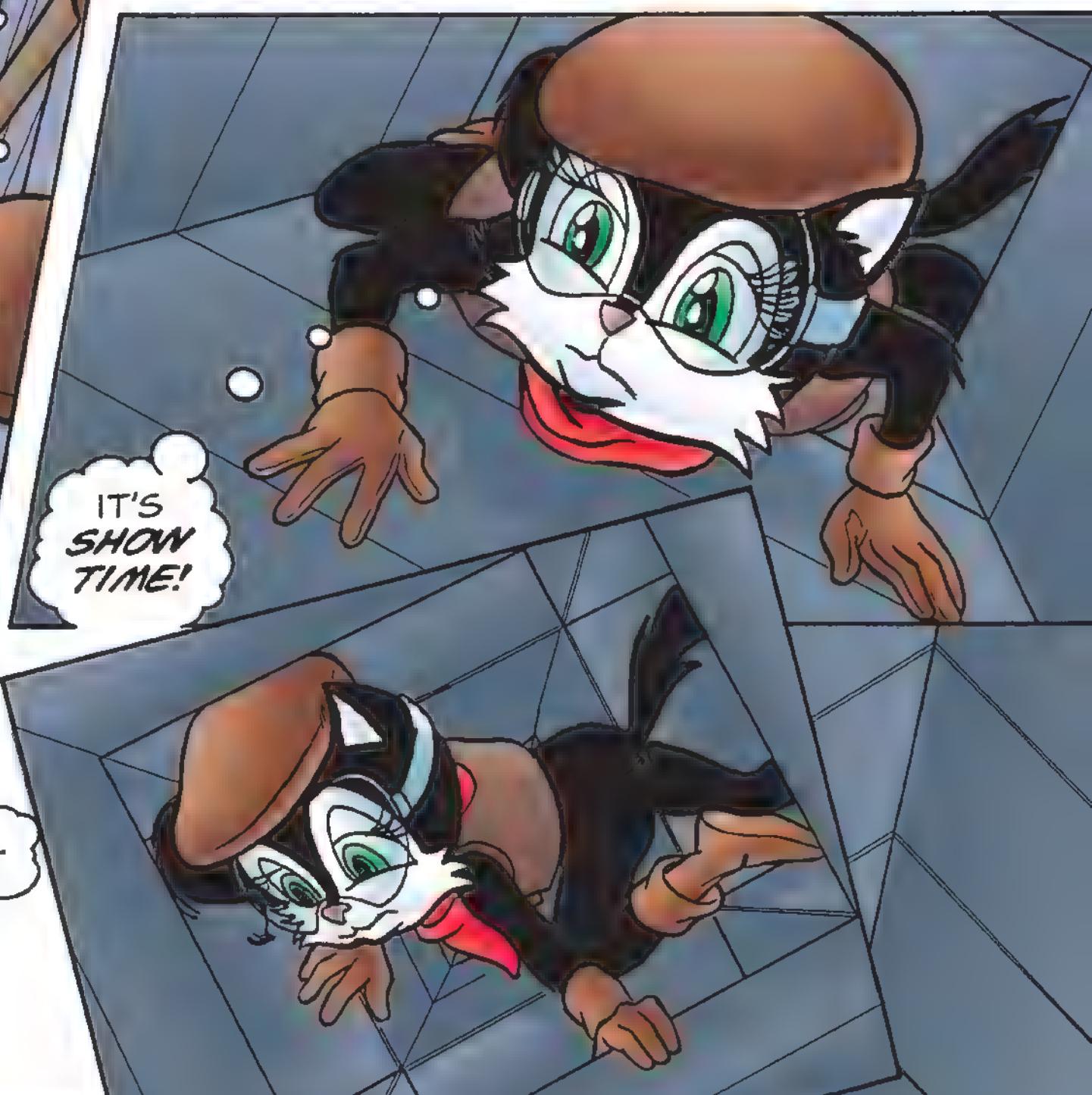
I CAN DO THIS,
COMMANDER!

GETTING THROUGH
THE DUCTWORK WILL
BE A LOT SMOOTHER
FOR ME THAN YOU!

BESIDES, YOU
WON'T BE ABLE TO
SUPERVISE US ON
EVERY MISSION!

SOONER OR LATER, YOU'RE
GOING TO HAVE TO ORDER US
TO GO...

HERSHIEY™ SOLO



ESPECIALLY
THE EGG
MAN'S!

PROBABLY DUMB
LUCK HE DIDN'T
HEAR ME LAND!

AND SPEAK OF
THE DEVIL --

-- HE'S THE MAJOR
OBSTACLE STANDING
BETWEEN ME AND THE
MISSION OBJECTIVE!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE
YOU AGAIN, GENERAL
D'COOLETTE!

I TRUST
EVERYTHING IS
BACK TO
STATUS QUO?

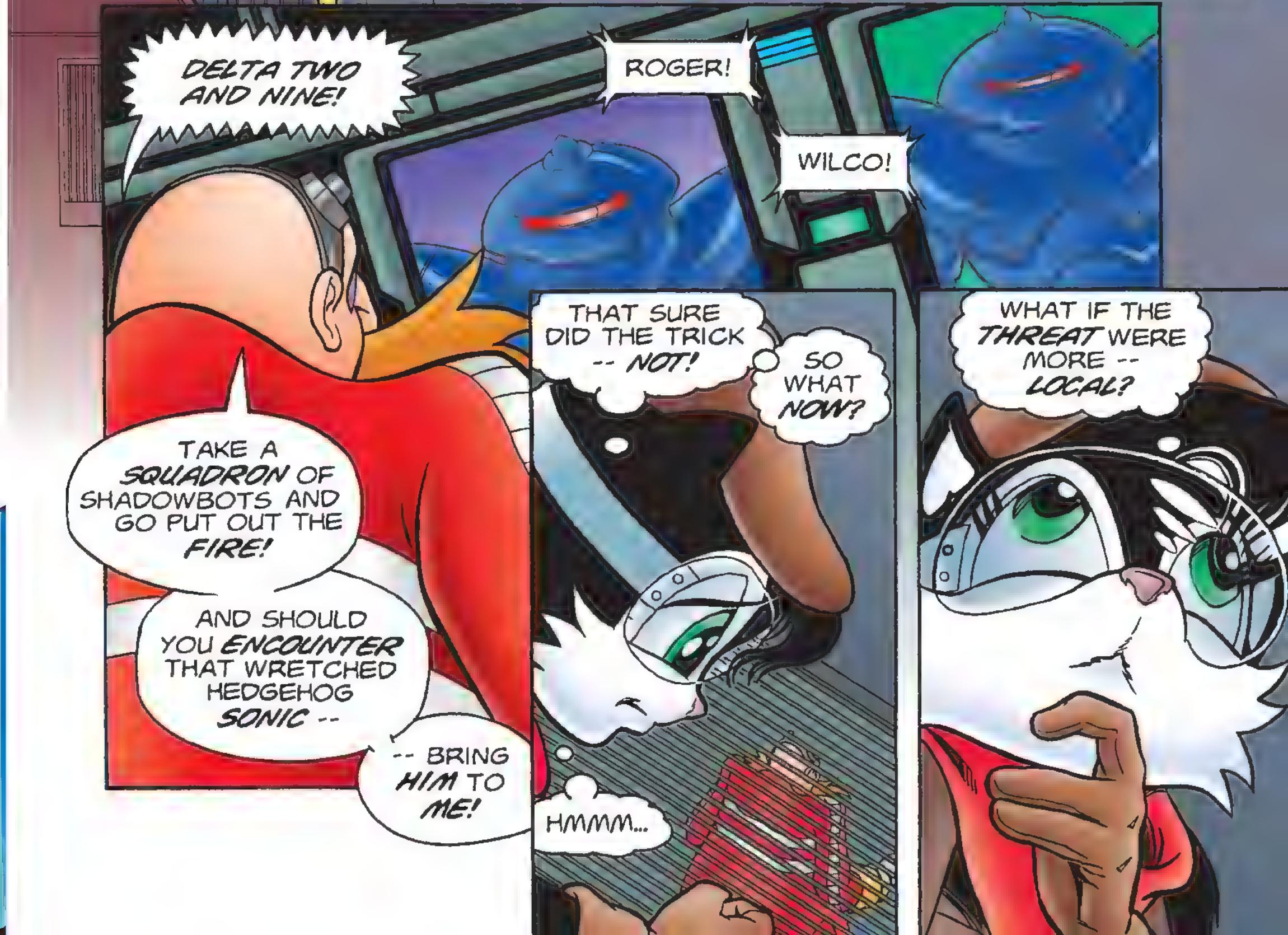
I'LL HAVE
REINFORCEMENTS
DISPATCHED
IMMEDIATELY!

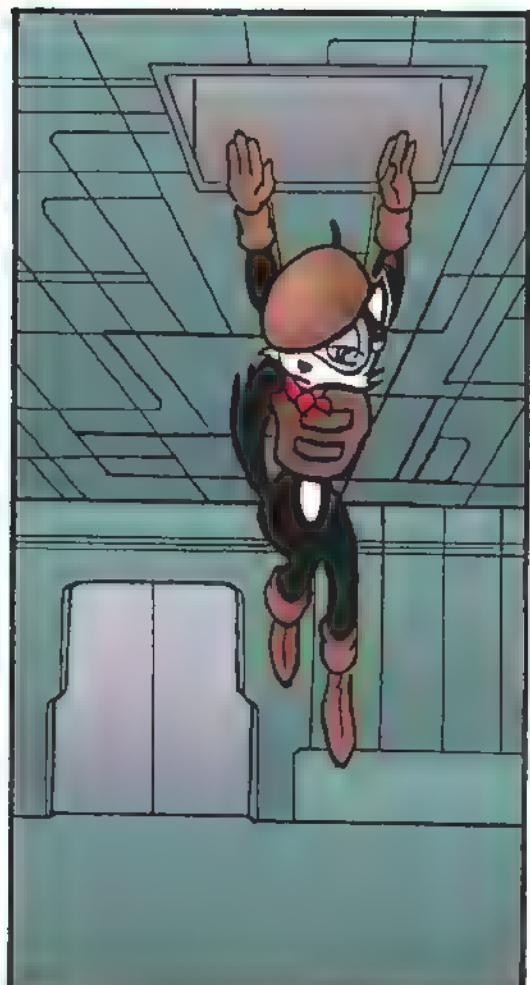
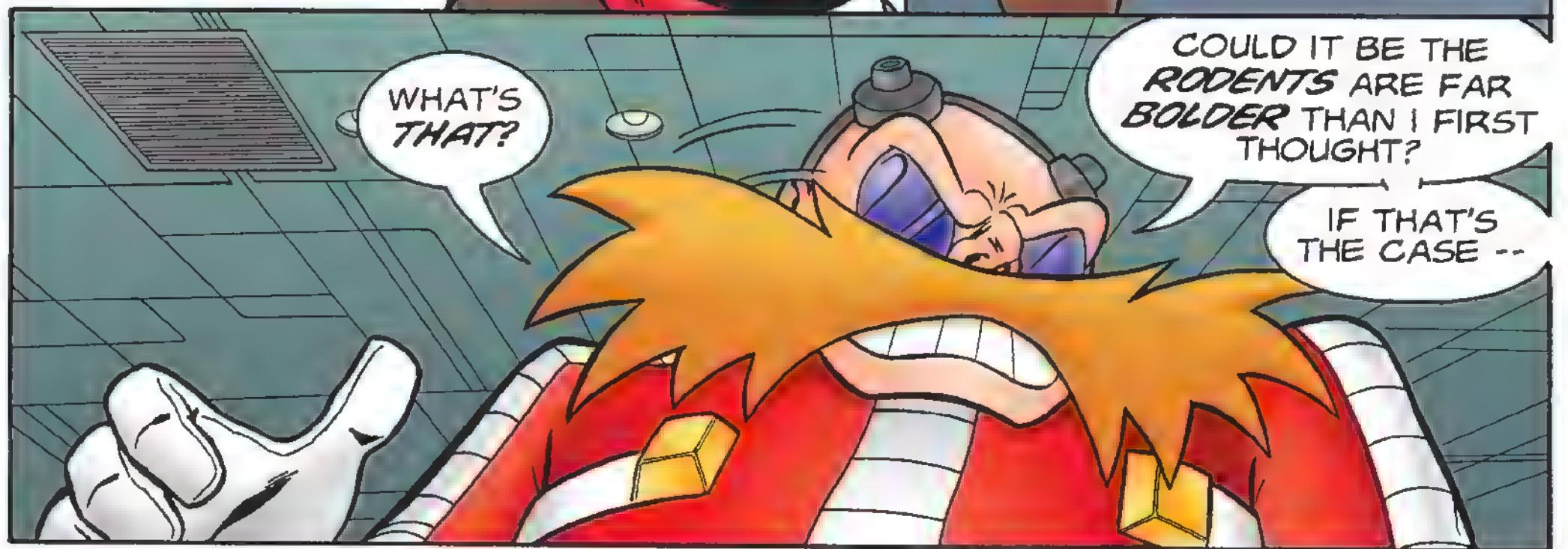
A CERTAIN
RADICAL IS
DOING HIS BEST
TO FRUSTRATE
US!

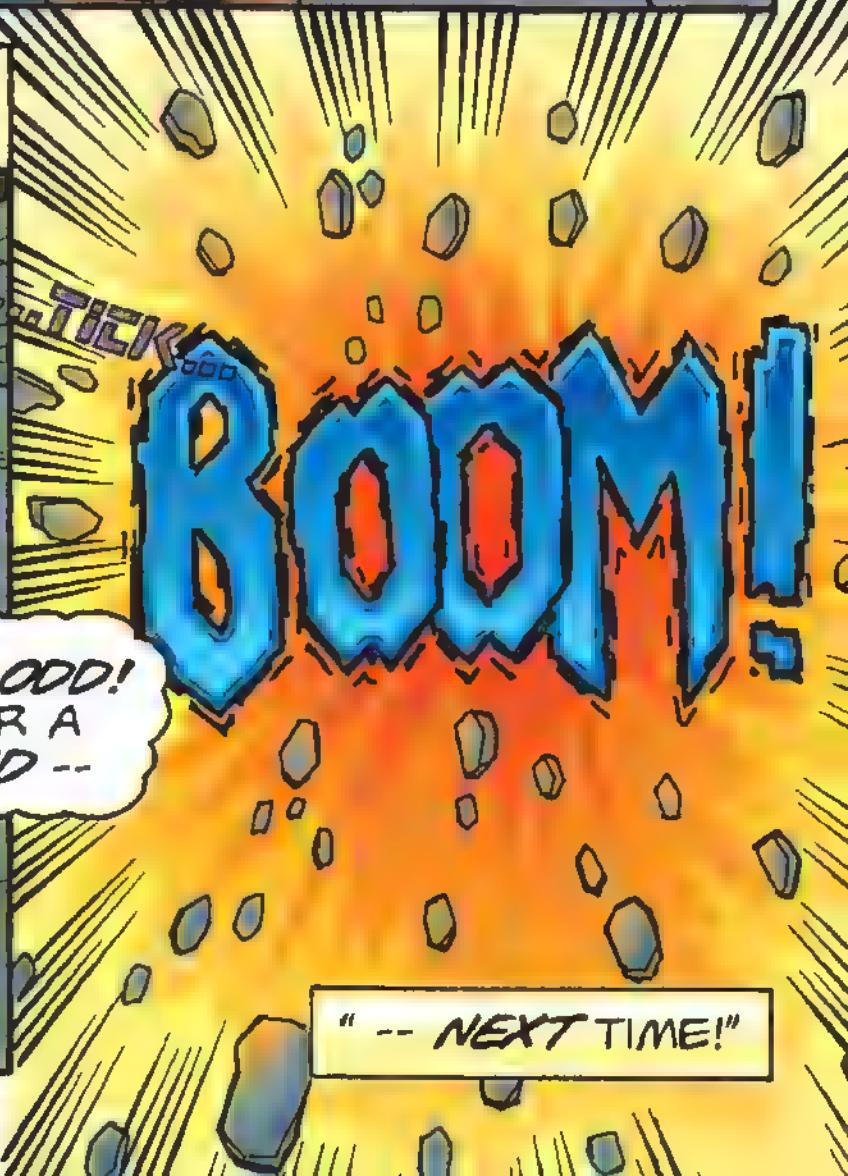
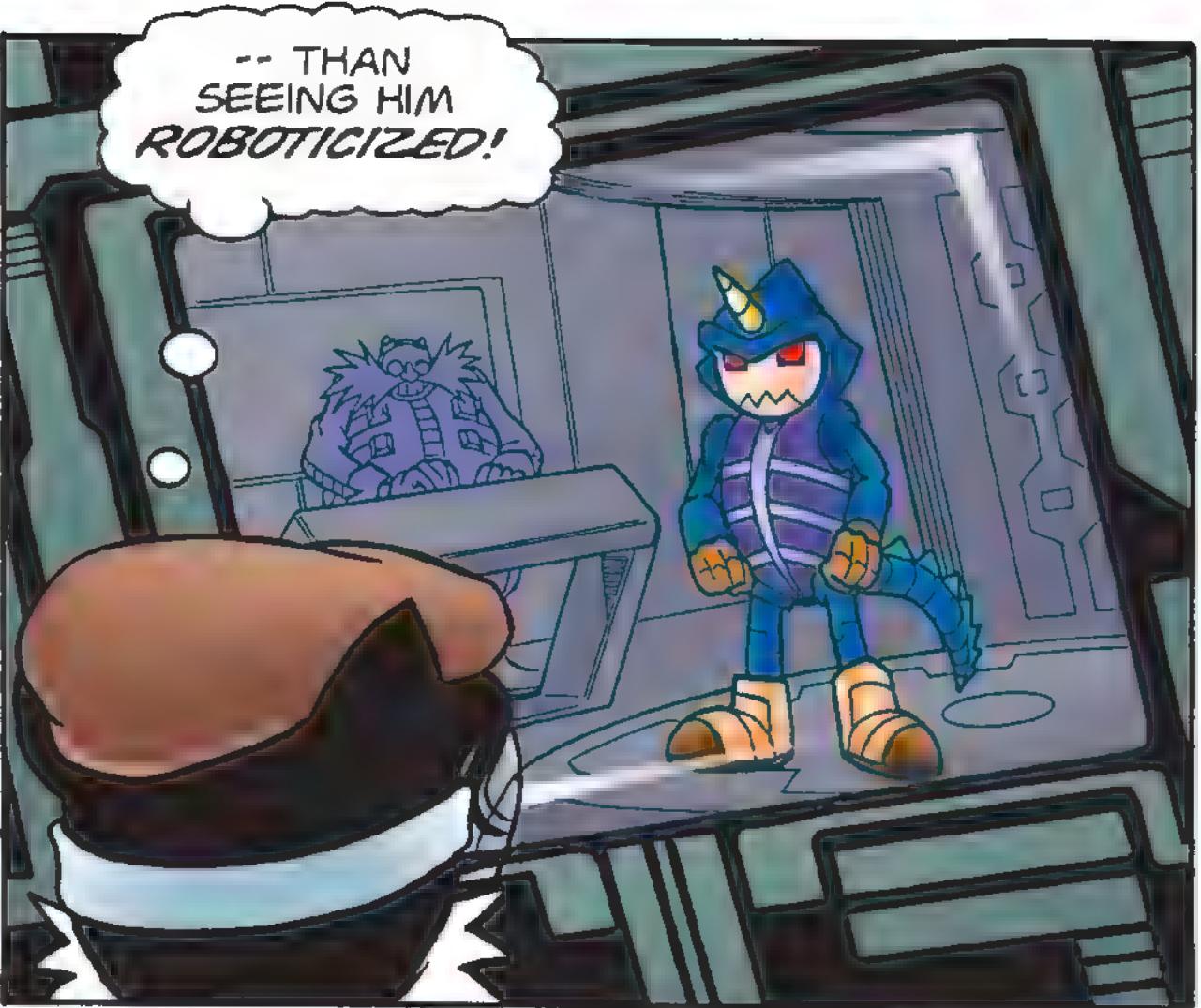
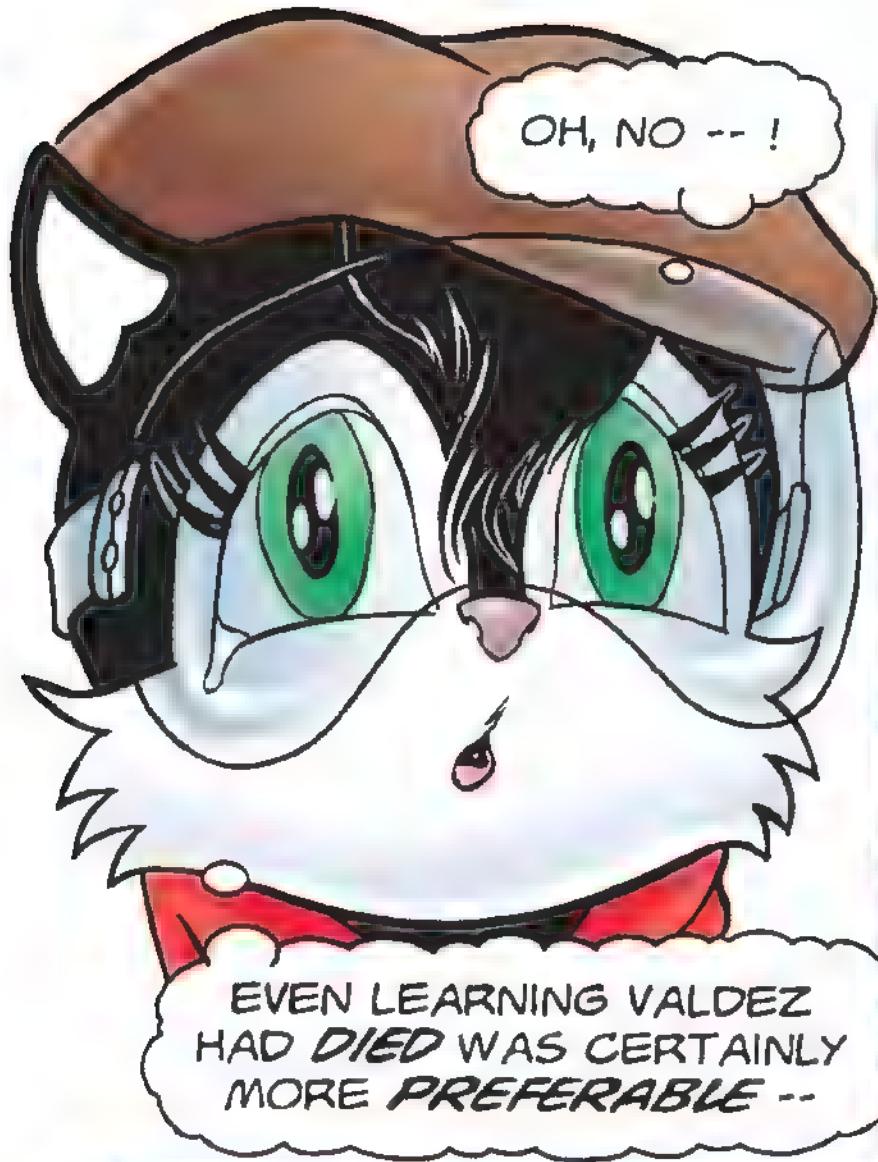
I NEED A
DISTRACTION TO
LURE HIM AWAY
FROM THERE!

READ YOU
LOUD AND
CLEAR,
HERSH!

GET
READY!







LUPE AND THE WOLFPACK

IN

FRWWWWY

SOMEWHERE OUT IN THE
WESTERN FLATS...

RETURNING
HOME MAY NOT
HAVE BEEN THE
WISEST
OF CHOICES,
SEÑORITA!

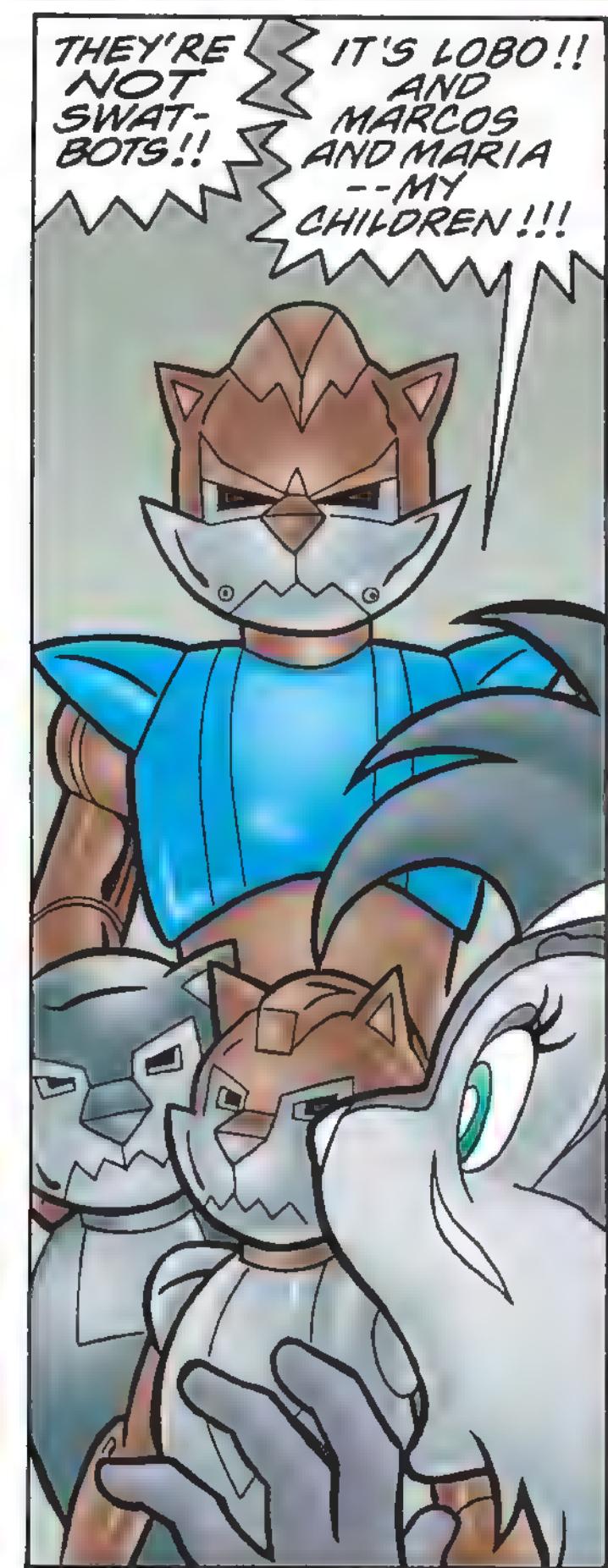
ALL THAT
REMAIN ARE THE
DEVASTATED
RUINS OF OUR ONCE
PROUD CITY FROM
THE DESPICABLE
ROBOTNIK!

BE THAT
AS IT MAY,
REYNARD--

--WHILE WE
MAY NOT FIND
OUR LOVED
ONES HERE--

--THERE'S
ALWAYS THE
POSSIBILITY
OF FINDING OUT
WHERE THEY'VE
GONE!





--IT WAS
ME!

**UNCLE
CHUCK!!**

YOU DID
THIS?!! YOU
WERE WITH
PRINCESS
SALLY AND
SONIC THE
LAST TIME I
SAW YOU!

OH, COME NOW, WOMAN! YOU
THINK A TRUSTED LIEUTENANT
OF THE GREAT DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK WOULD ASSOCIATE
WITH RABBLE ROUSERS
SUCH AS THEY?!!

EASY, SENORITA!
DON'T GIVE HIM THE
SATISFACTION!

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T BEEN
PAYING ATTENTION, YOU'RE NOT
THE ONE IN CONTROL HERE--

--I AM!

AND IF YOU AND YOUR COMPANIONS
DON'T DO AS YOU'RE TOLD, I'LL HAVE
THESE TWO BEHIND ME TURNED INTO
SO MUCH SCRAP METAL!

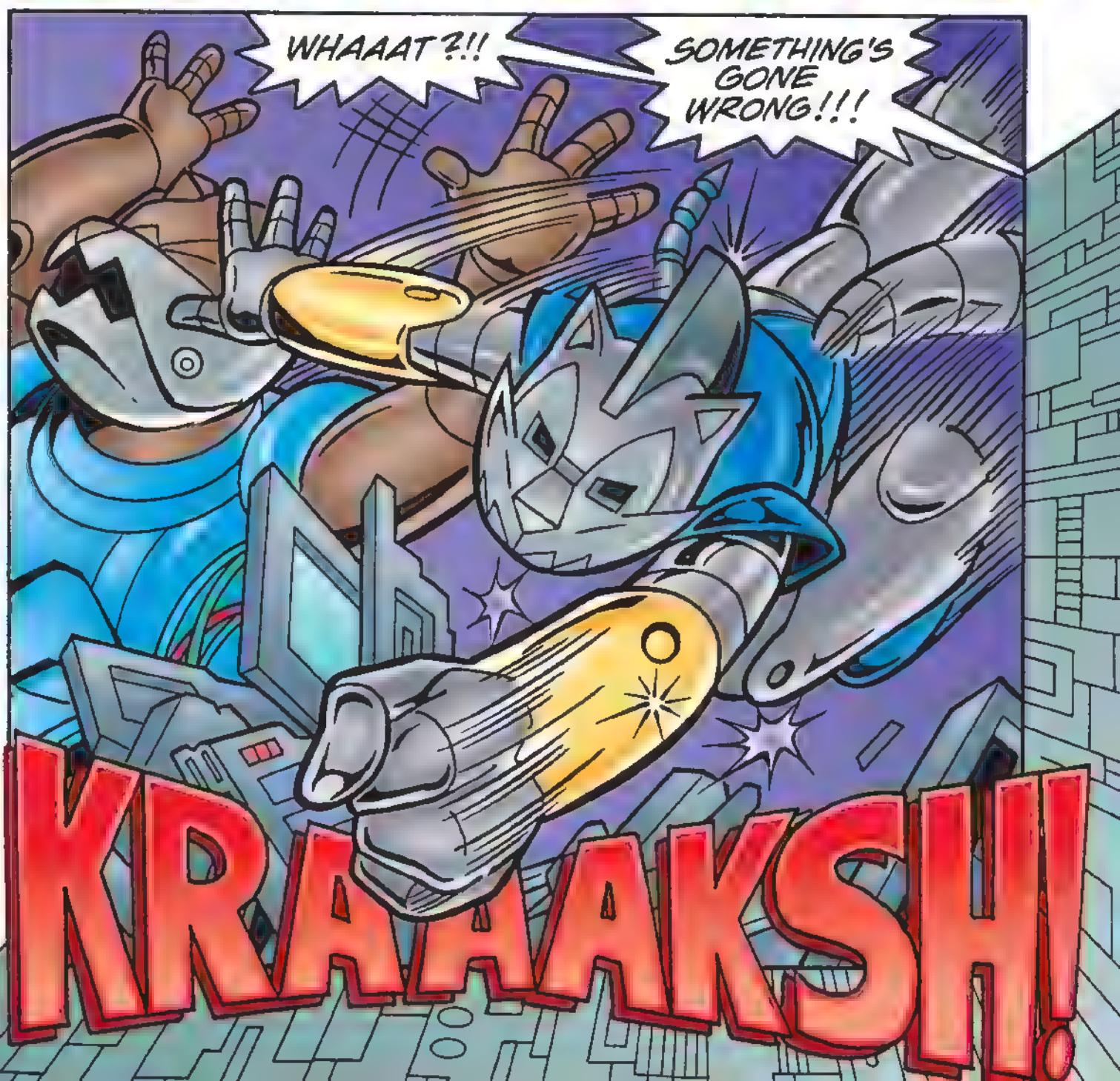
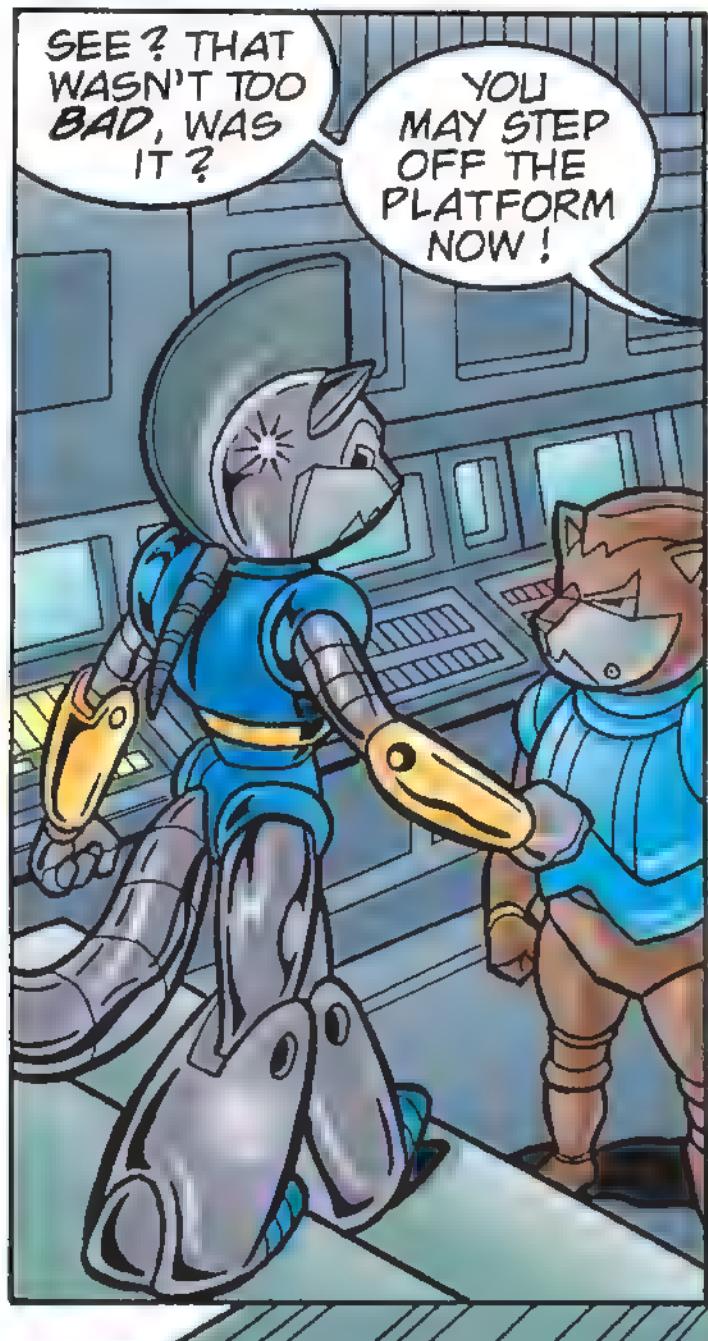
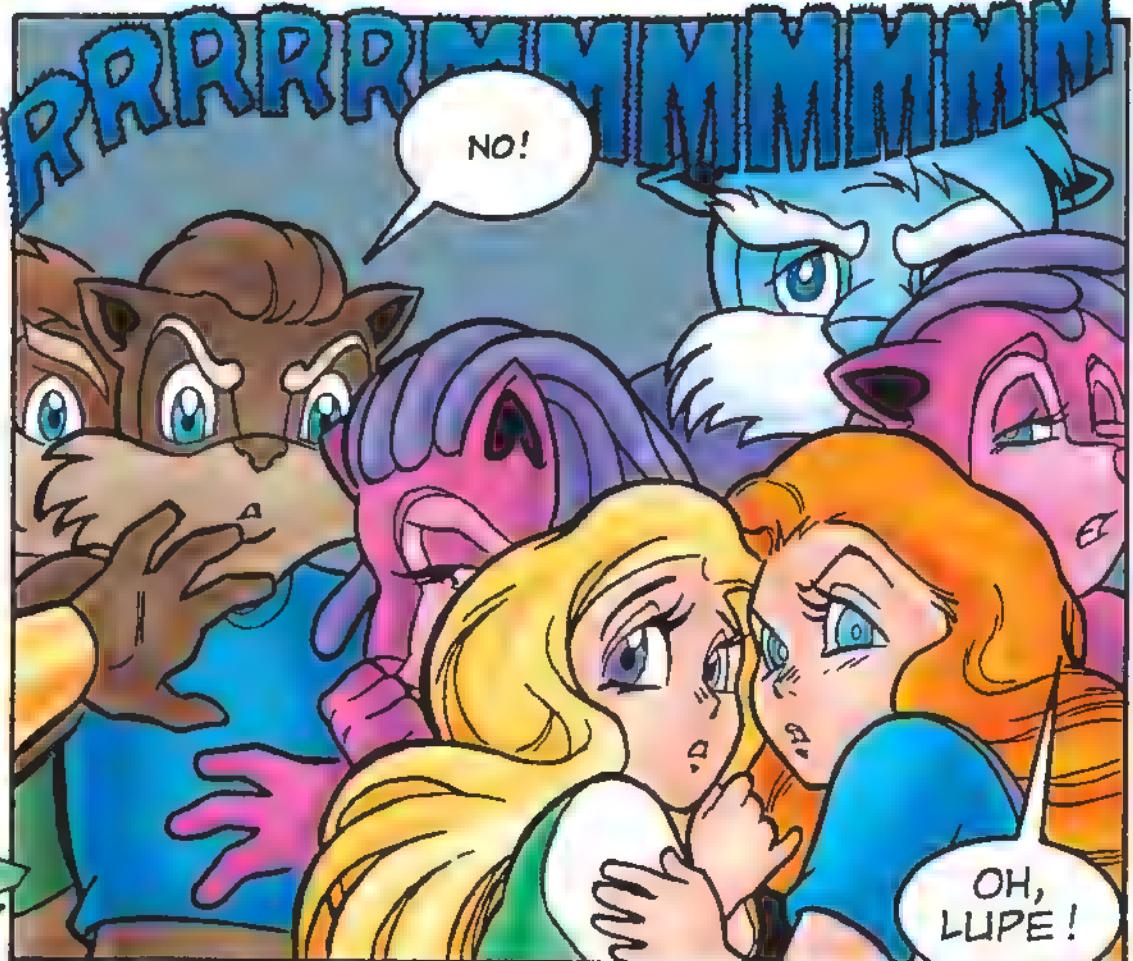
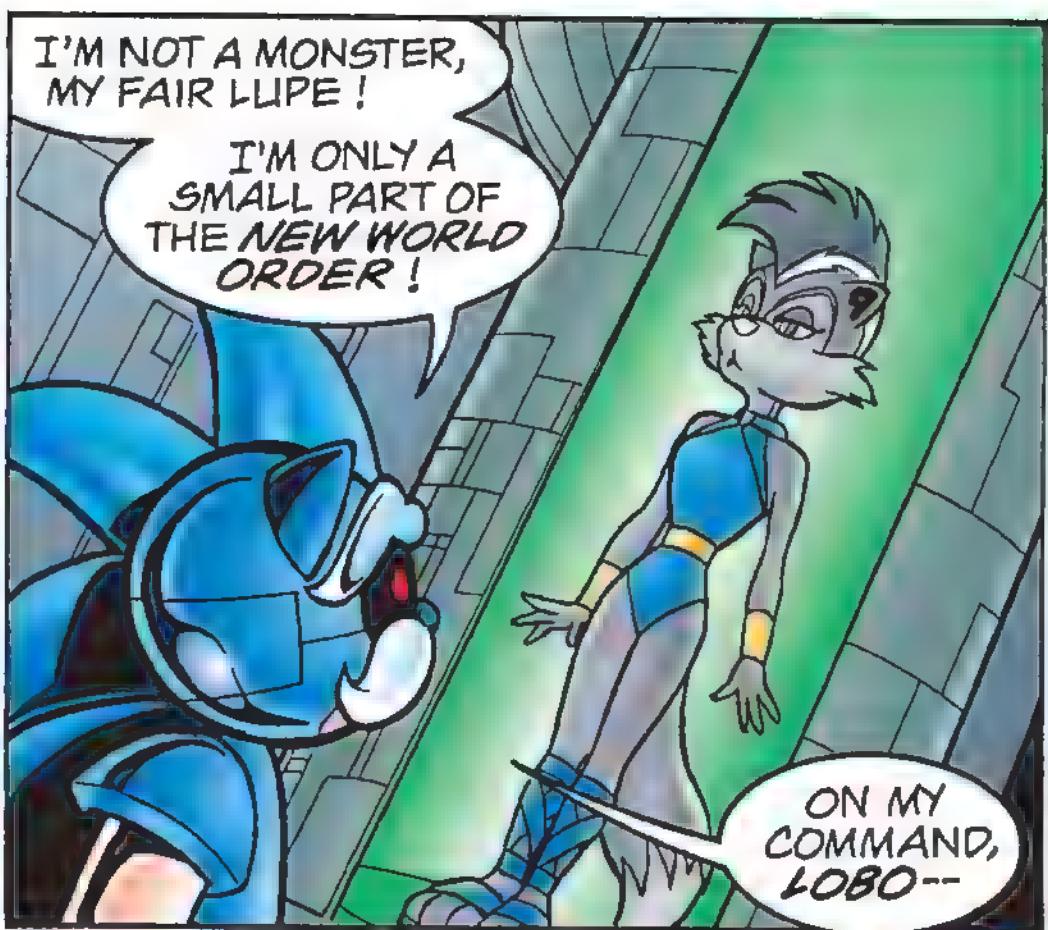
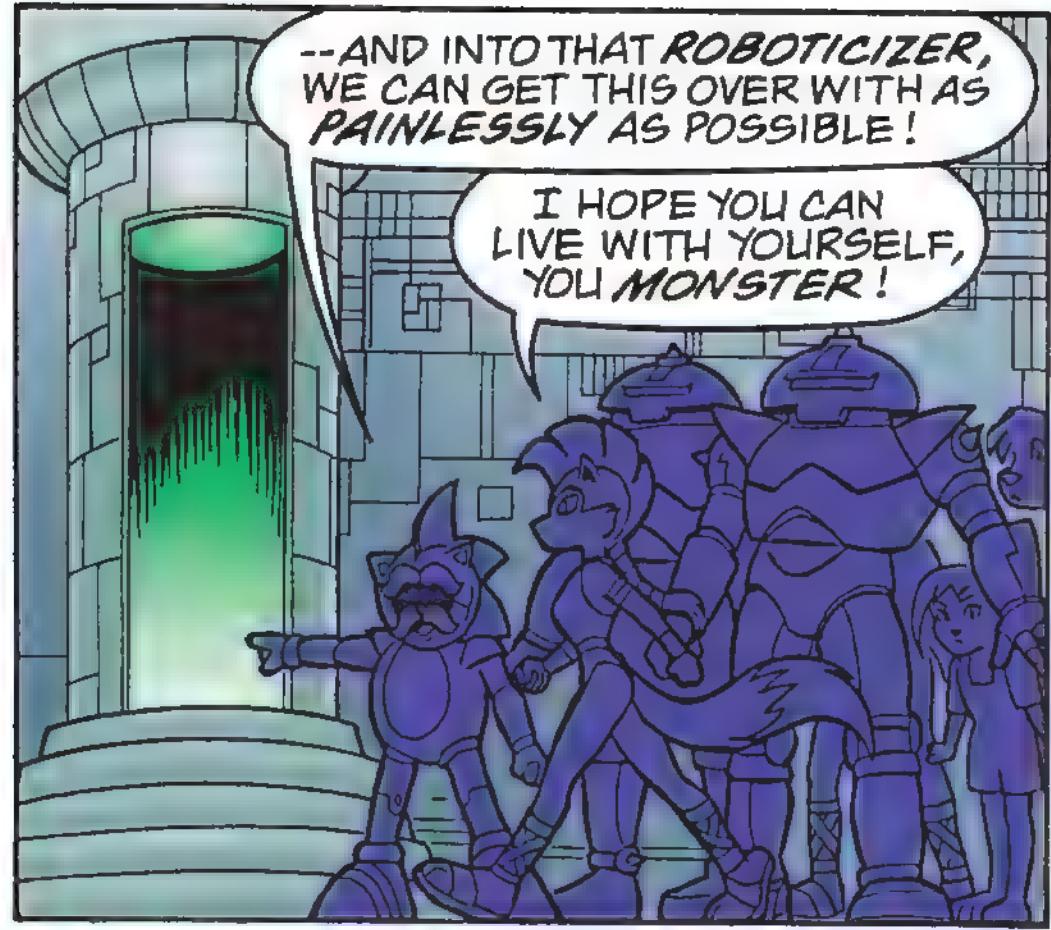
DO WE
UNDERSTAND
EACH
OTHER?

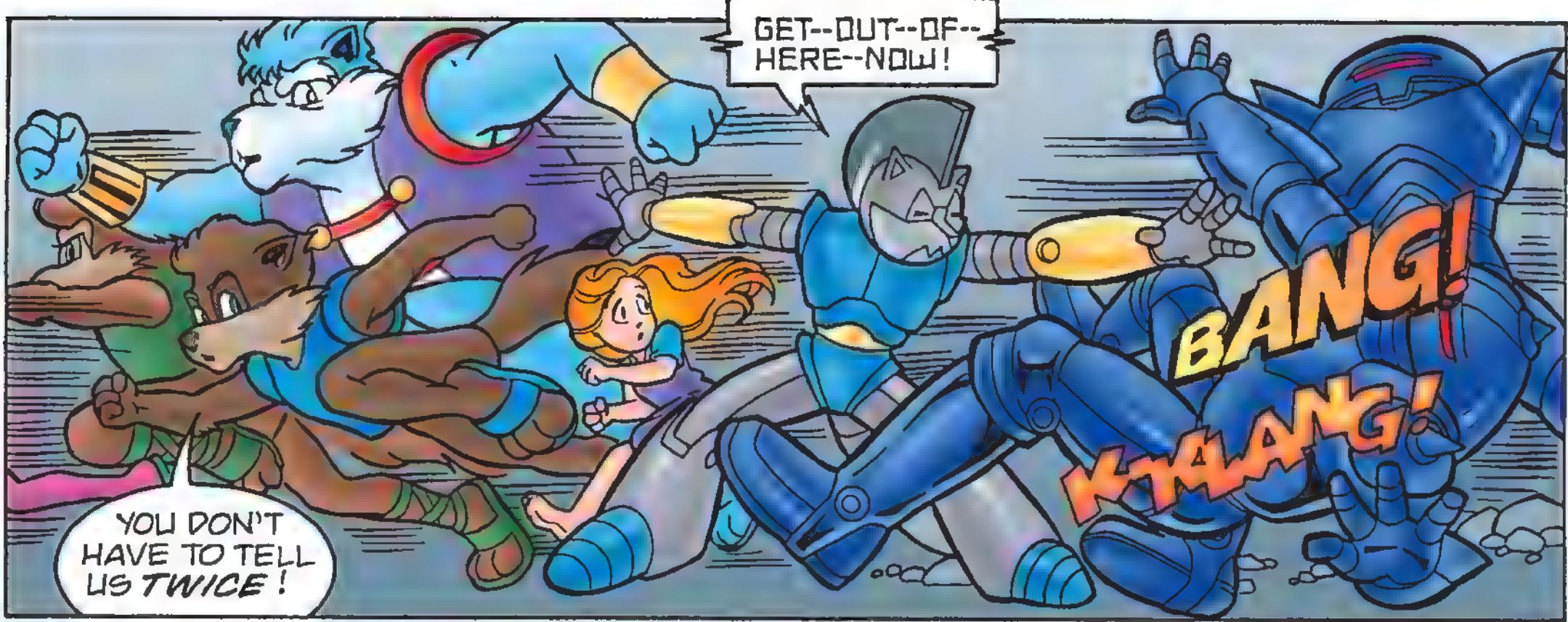
YES, WE
DO!

THAT'S MUCH
BETTER!

IF
YOU'LL JUST
STEP
RIGHT THIS
WAY--

WHAT IS IT
YOU WANT?

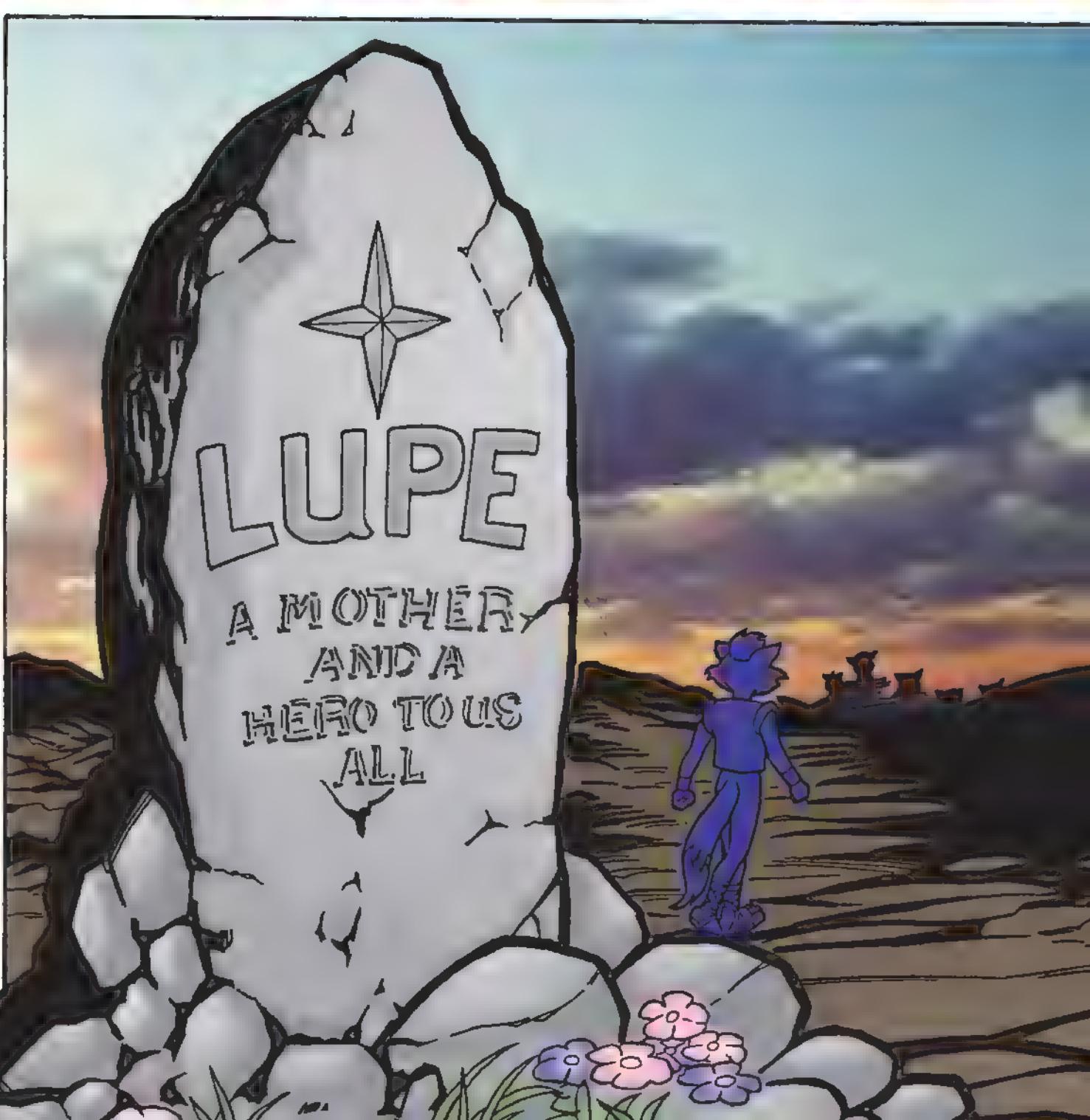
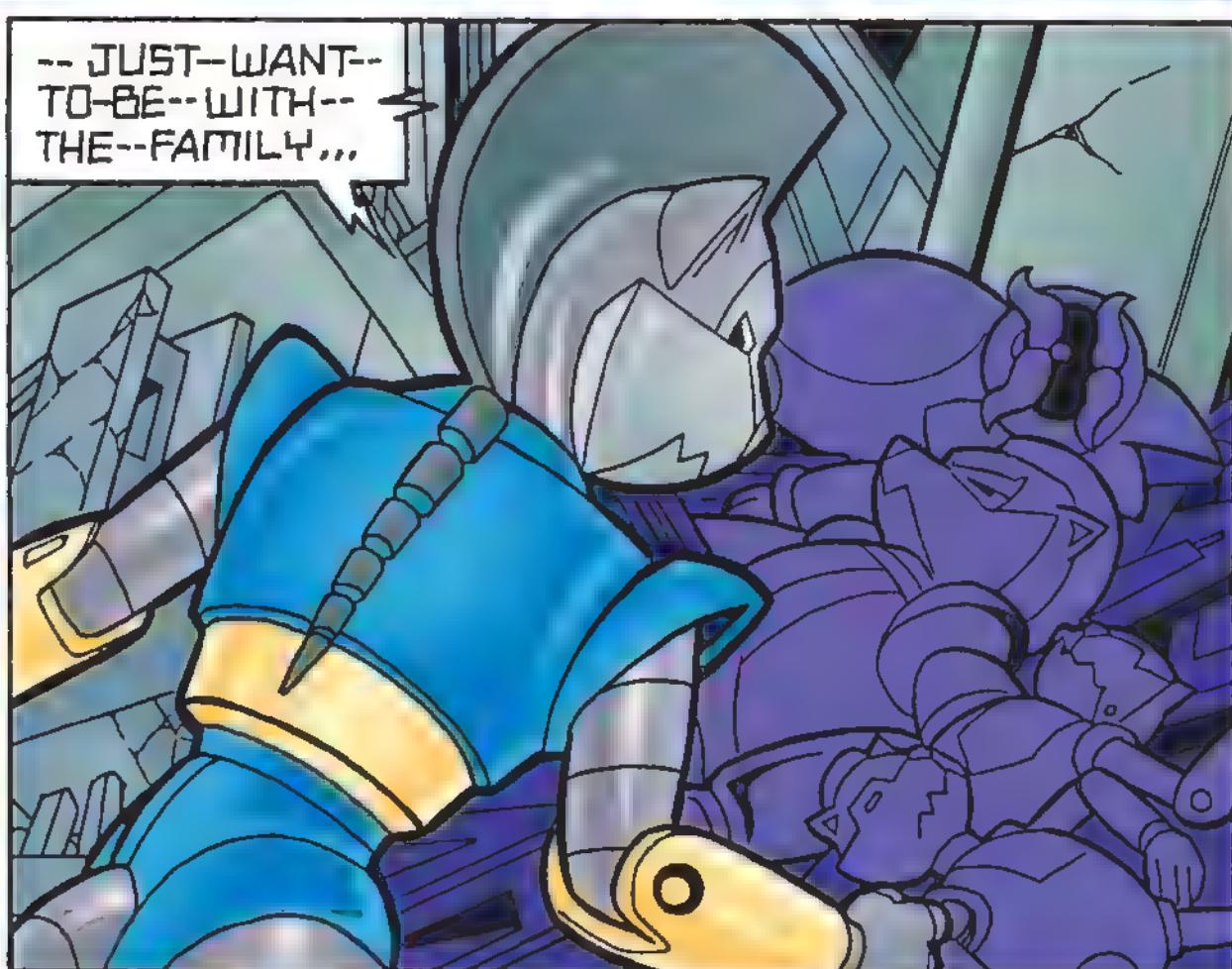




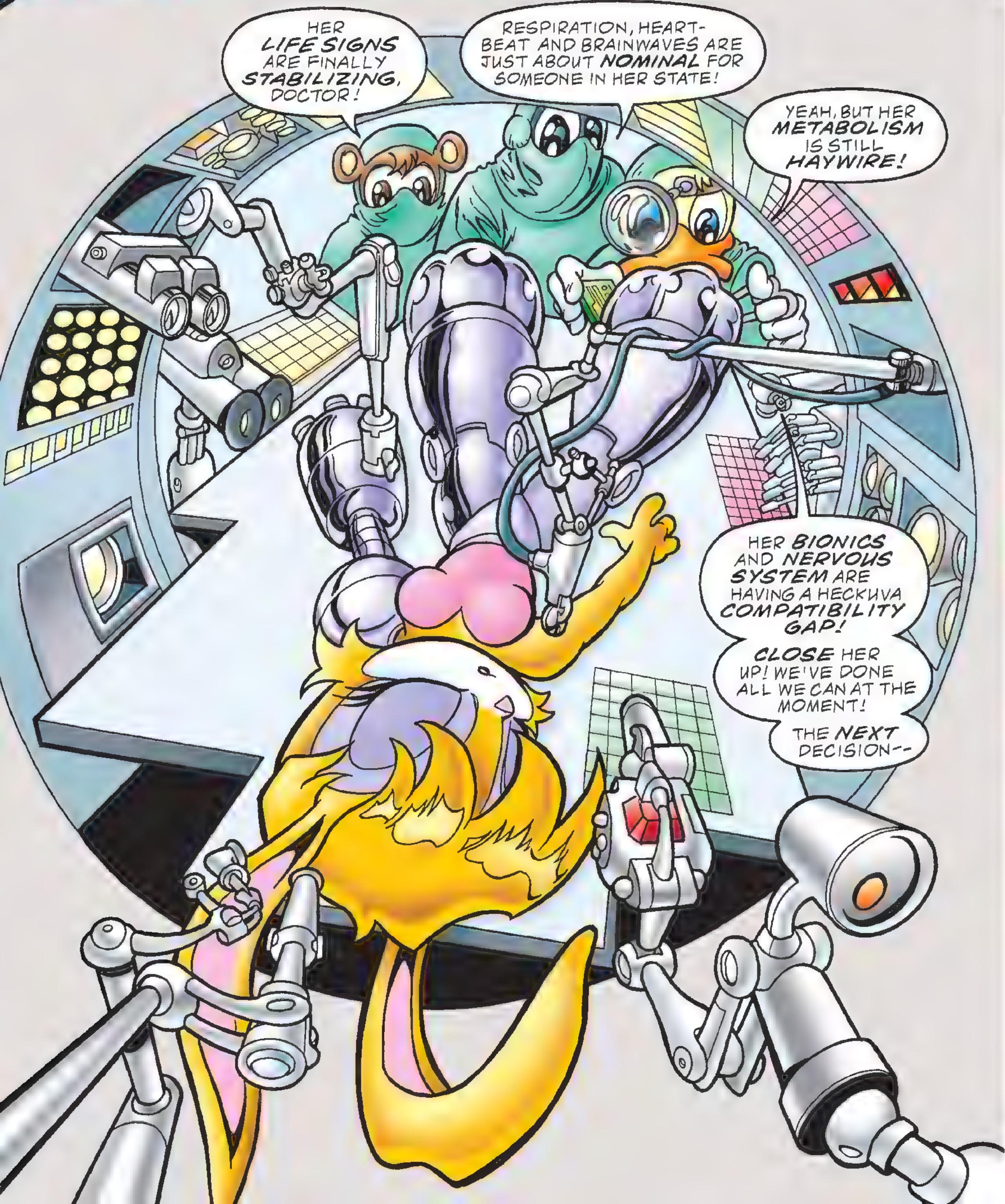
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO TELL
US TWICE!

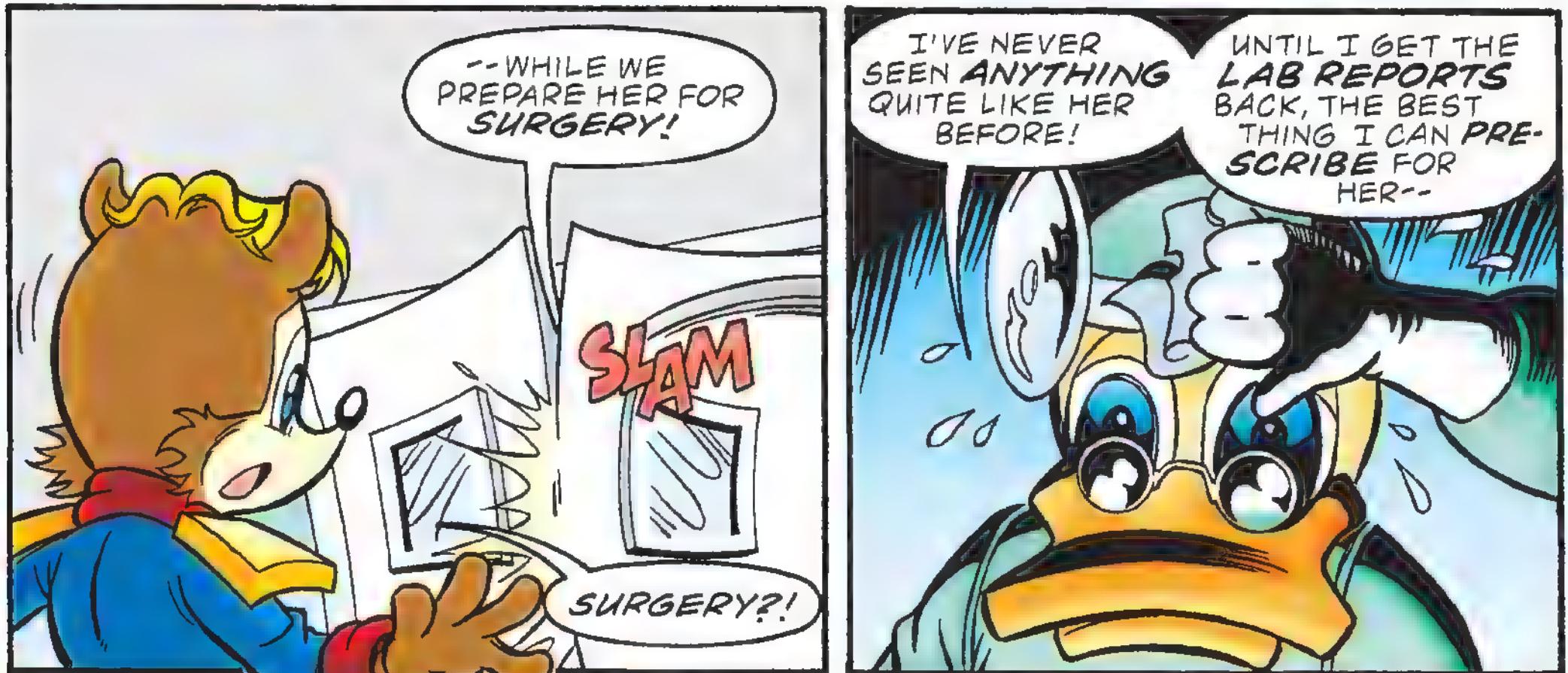
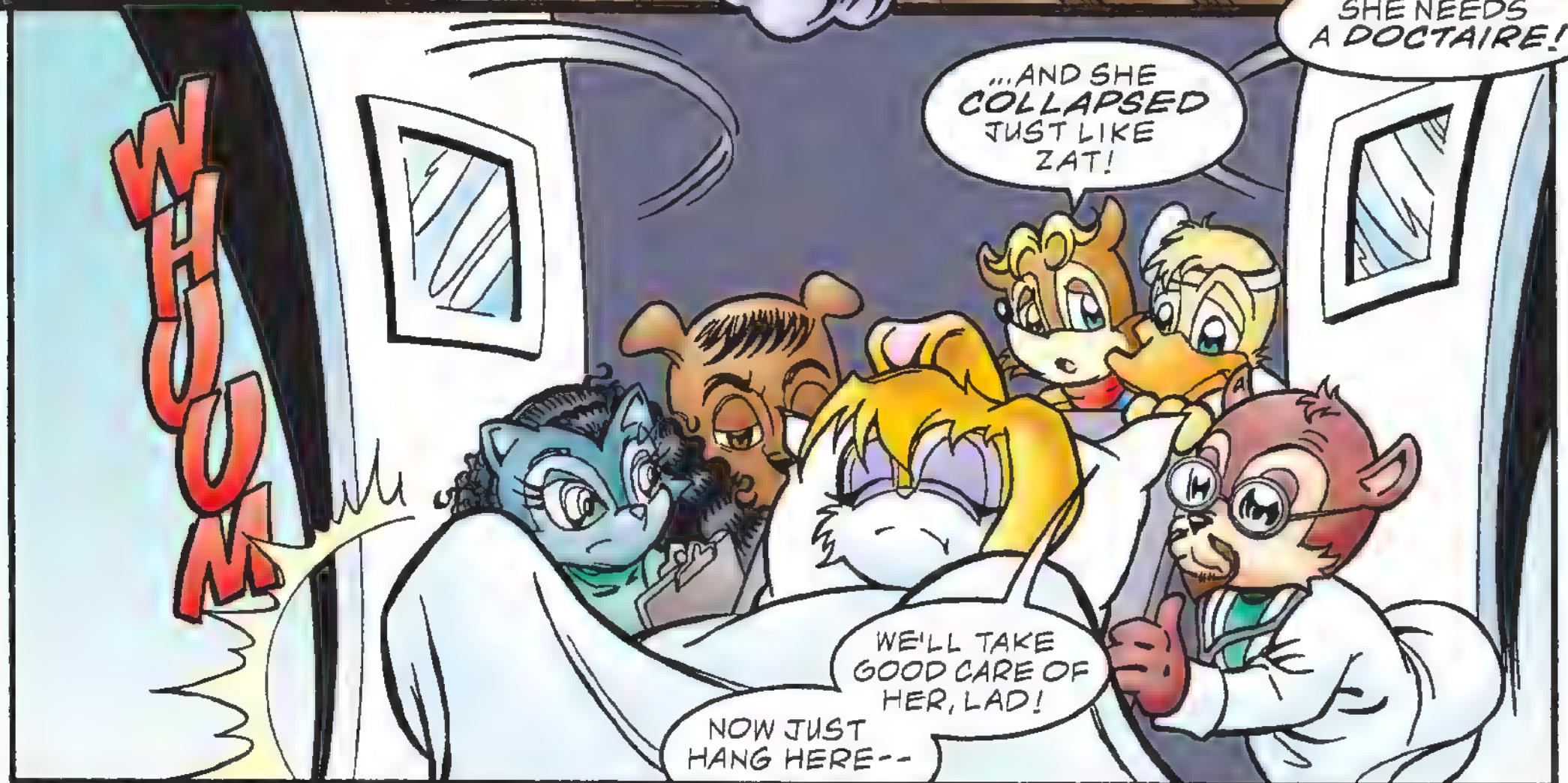
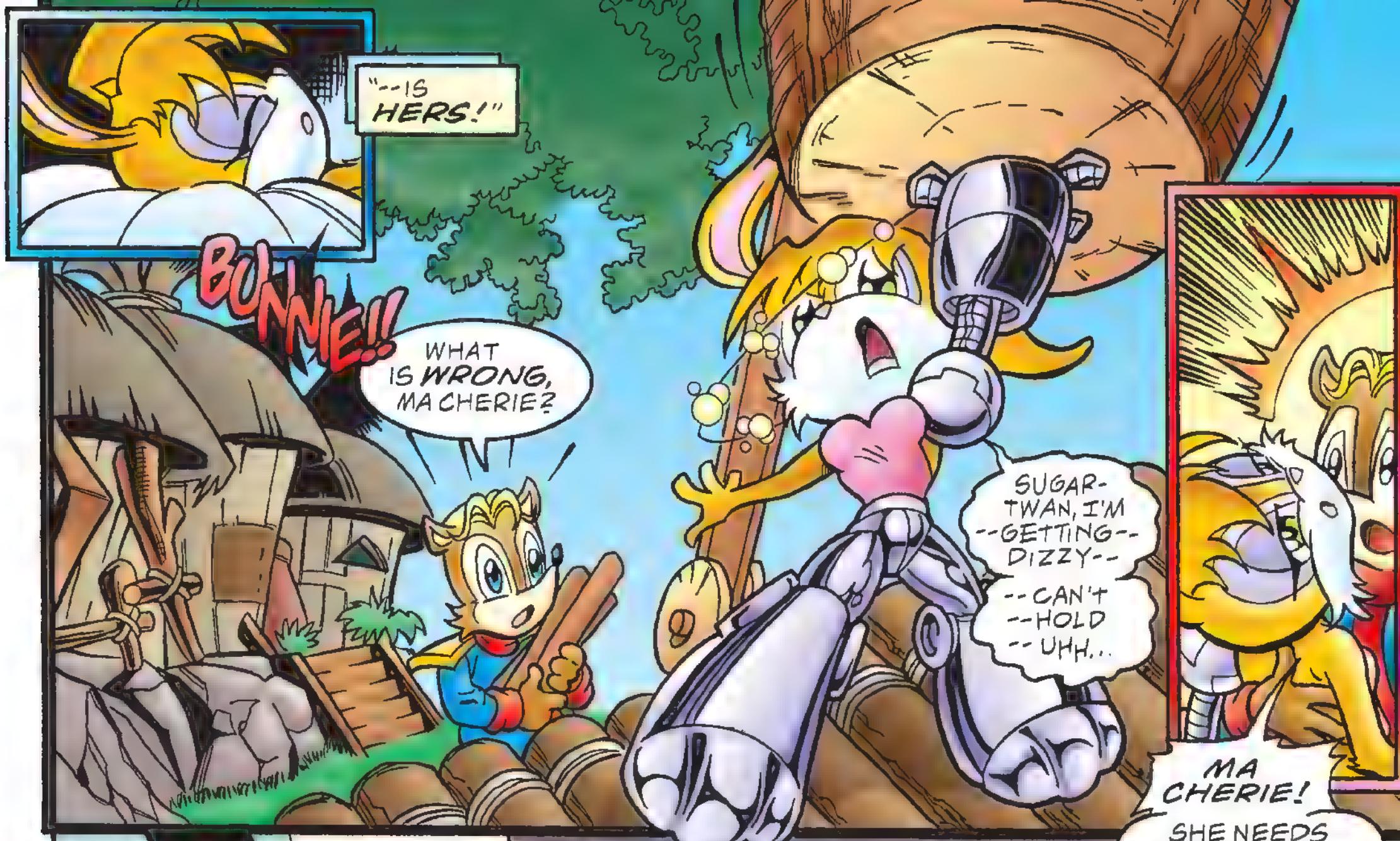


GETTING-HARD--
TO--THINK--



BUNNIE RAP-BOT™ IN UPGRADE





"--IS REST!"

WE CAME AS
SOON AS WE GOT
WORD, KIDDY!

YOU GAVE
US QUITE THE
SCARE!

IS THERE
ANYTHING I CAN
DO FOR YOU,
BUNNIE?

I FEEL LIKE
A DOZEN SWAT-BOTS
ALL PILED ON TOP OF
ME, PRINCESS!

BUT I'LL
BE RIGHT
FINE IN NO
TIME!

WHAT IS THIS?
MOBIUS GRAND
CENTRAL
STATION?

EVERYONE
CLEAR OUT--
EXCEPT MY
PATIENT,
NATURALLY!

DON'T LET
'IM SCARE YA,
GUYS!

HIS BARK
IS ACTUALLY WORSE
THAN HIS BEAK!

MAYBE
SO--BUT HE
OUTRANKS
US HERE!

I'LL BE
OUTSIDE JUST
IN CASE, MA
CHERIE!

OKAY, DOC!
I'M A BIG GIRL!
GIVE IT TO ME
STRAIGHT!
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO ME?

WHAT
HAPPENED
YOUNG
LADY?
I'M AMAZED
WHAT HAPPENED,
DIDN'T HAPPEN
LONG BEFORE
THIS!

IN A
NUTSHELL, YOU
HAVE CONFLICTING
OPERATING
SYSTEMS!
YOUR BIONICS
NO LONGER WORK
RELIABLY WITH YOUR
CENTRAL NERVOUS
SYSTEM!

WHAT DOES THAT
MEAN? THAT I'LL NO
LONGER WALK?

OR BE
ABLE TO
LIFT THINGS
WITH MY
HAND?

I'M AFRAID
IT'S **WORSE** THAN
THAT, BUNNIE!

AS YOUR BIONICS
CONTINUE TO DETER-
IORATE, EVENTU-
ALLY THEY'LL SHUT
DOWN AND BECOME
TOXIC TO THE OR-
GANIC PART OF YOUR
BODY!

FROM WHAT WE CAN TELL
FROM THE TESTS, IT'S AS IF YOUR
BODY WAS AT **WAR** WITH ITSELF,
DETERMINED TO BE EITHER ALL-
ORGANIC OR ALL-ROBOTIC!

DOES THAT
MEAN I'M GOING
TO -- TO --

-- D.E.?

IF WE DO
NOTHING
THAT'S CERTAINLY
A PROB-
ABILITY!

SO WHAT ARE
MY OPTIONS,
DOC?

YOU ONLY HAVE
THREE OTHER ALTER-
NATIVES TO CHOOSE
FROM:

DISCONNECT YOUR
ROBOTIC LIMBS FROM YOUR
BODY, A **HARDWARE UP-**
GRADE WITH NO POSSIBILITY
OF EVER BEING DE-
ROBOTICIZED...

...OR CHANCING A
DEROBOTIZATION
PROCESS, AFTER ALL
THE MODIFICATIONS,
WHERE THE ODDS
OF YOUR **SURVIVAL**
ARE A **BILLION-**
TO-ONE!

WHAT WOULD
YOU DO, DOC, IF
YOU WERE ME?

THAT
DEPENDS ON
WHICH
ANSWER I
COULD LIVE WITH
THE **REST** OF
MY LIFE!

THAT'S A
GOOD ONE,
DOC!

I'LL HAVE
TO GET BACK
TO YOU ON
THAT!

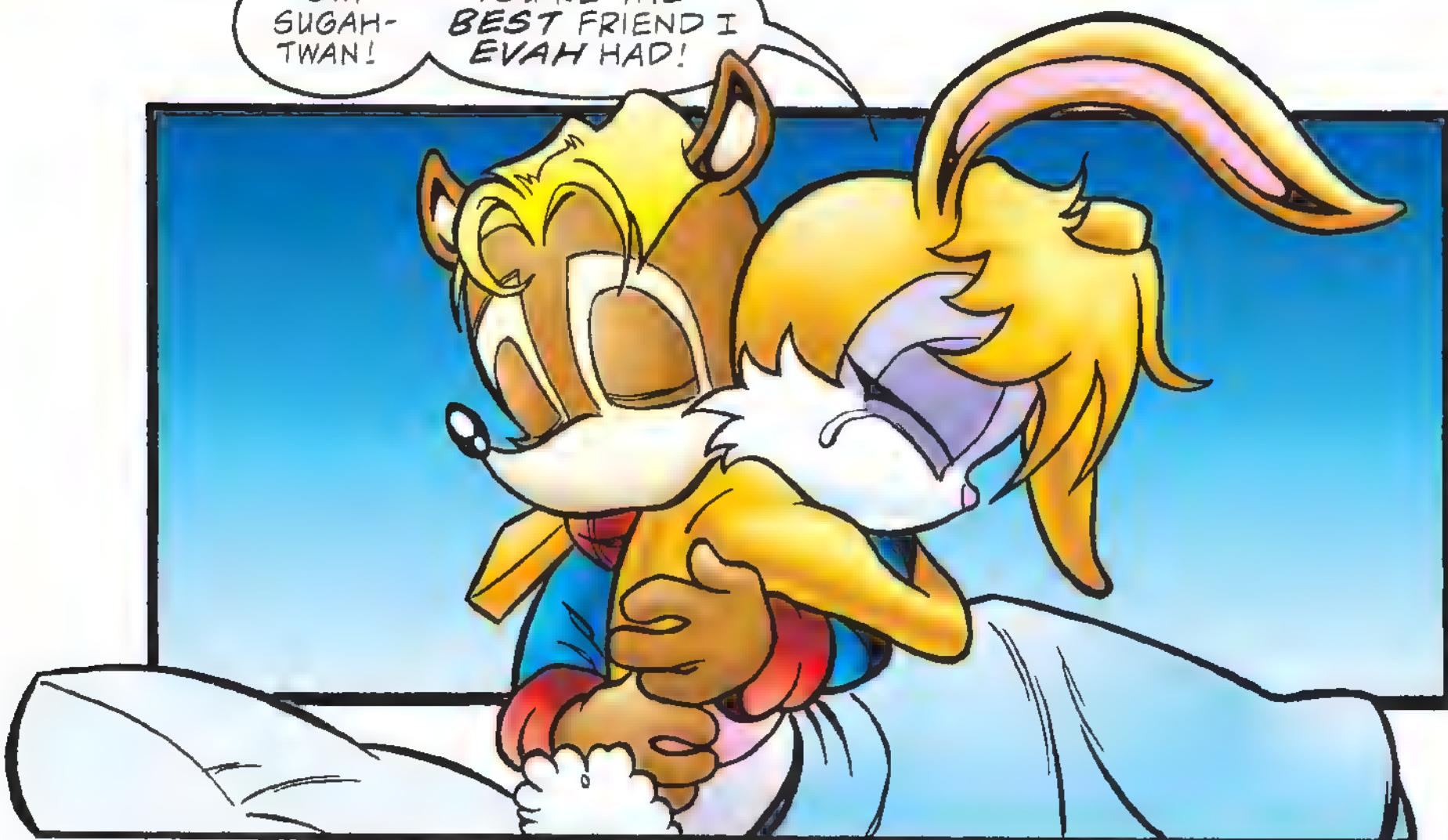
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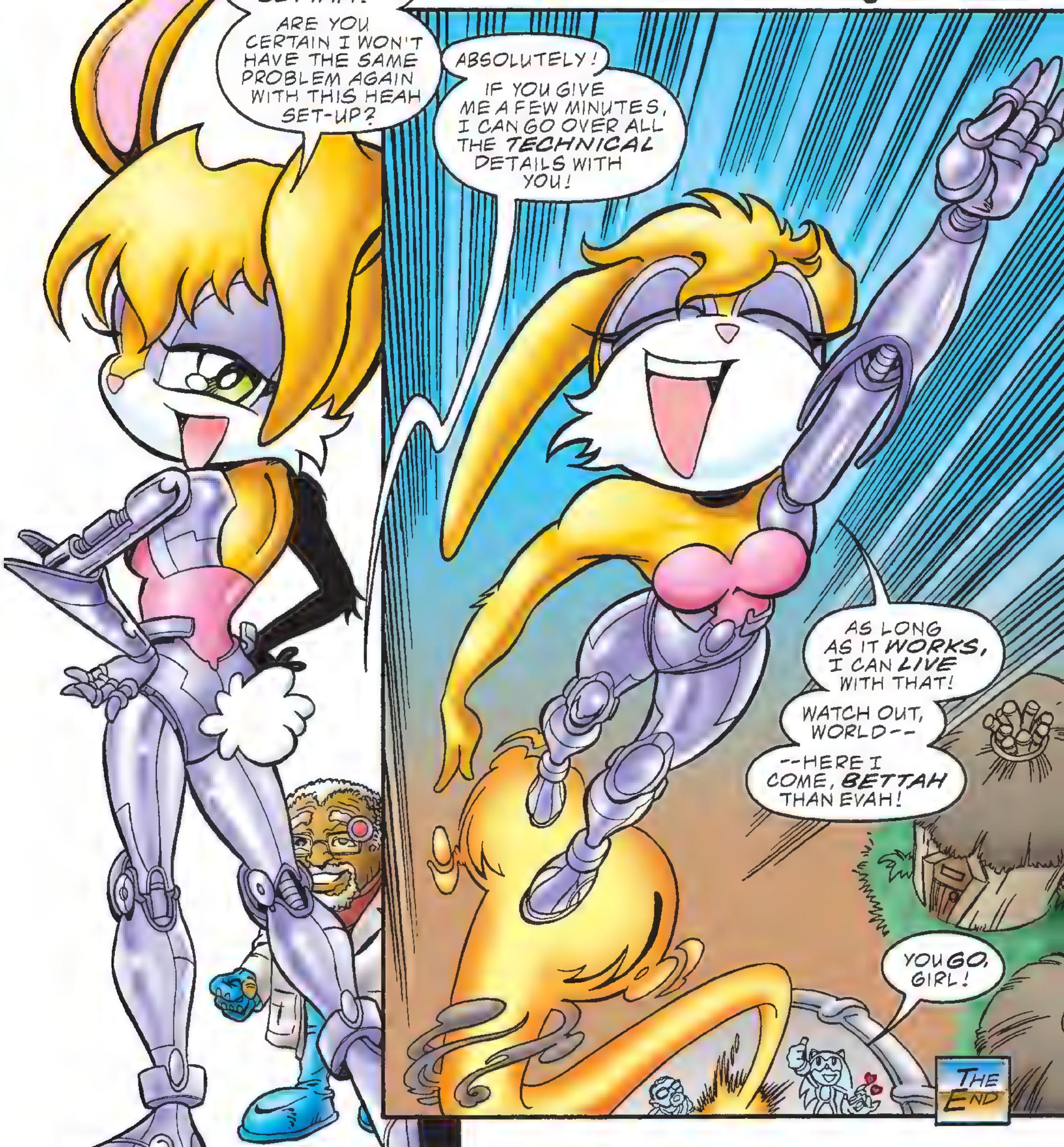
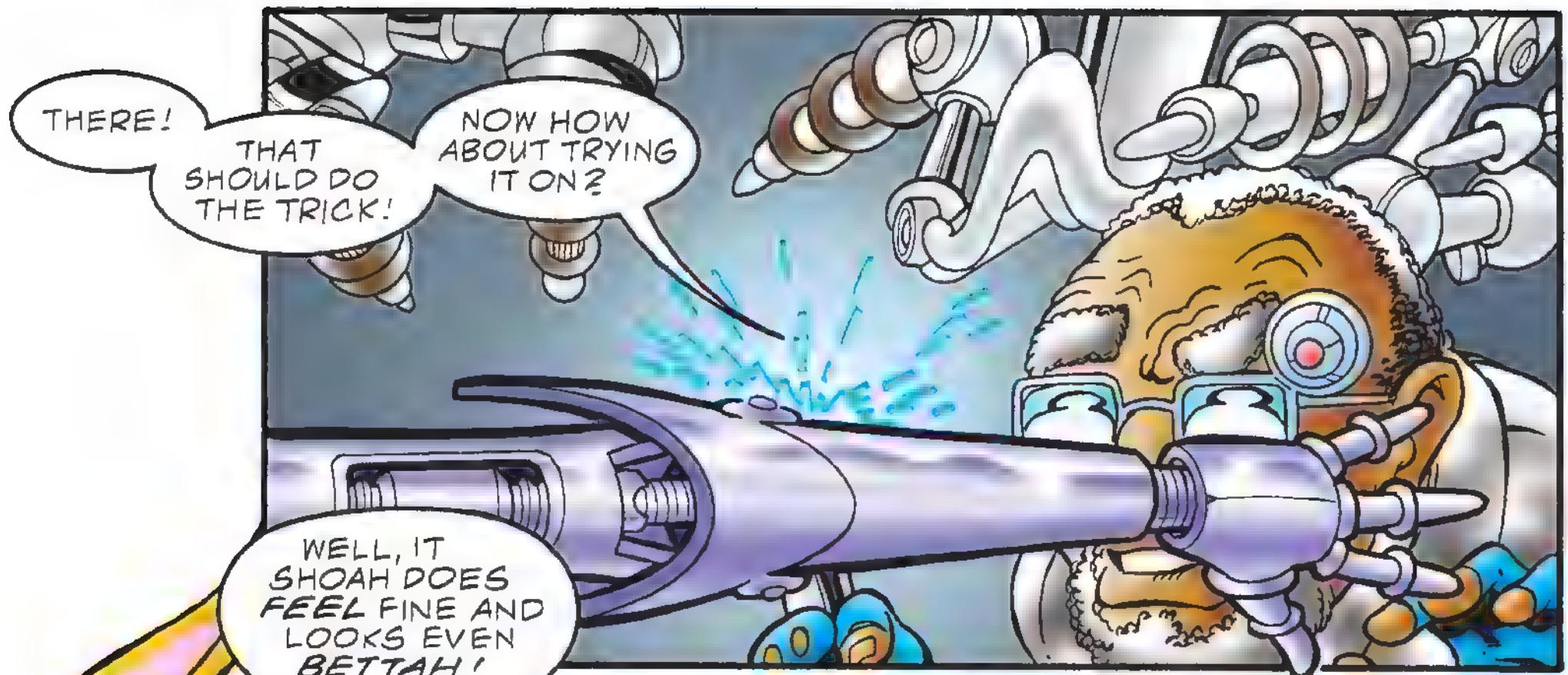




ON,
SUGAH-TWAN!

YOU'RE THE
BEST FRIEND I
EVAH HAD!





PERSONAL LOG:
SKYDATE 458.9.28.
I CAN'T BEAR IT ANYMORE.
I HAVE TO KNOW.

MY VISOR
READOUT SHOWS
THE COMPLEX--
DEAD AHEAD!

I CAN'T GO FORWARD WITH
MY LIFE UNTIL I KNOW MY
PAST.

AFTER GIVING THE MATTER
MUCH THOUGHT--

--I'VE DECIDED TO RETURN
TO THE LAST PLACE I EVER
EXPECTED TO VISIT...

WHERE ELSE COULD I
BEGIN MY QUEST--

JUJESU IN SHADOWS

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--THAN THE PLACE I
HAD ONCE CALLED
HOME.

I'LL BET
NO ONE'S BEEN
HERE SINCE
KNUCKLES
FOUGHT
KAGOK!

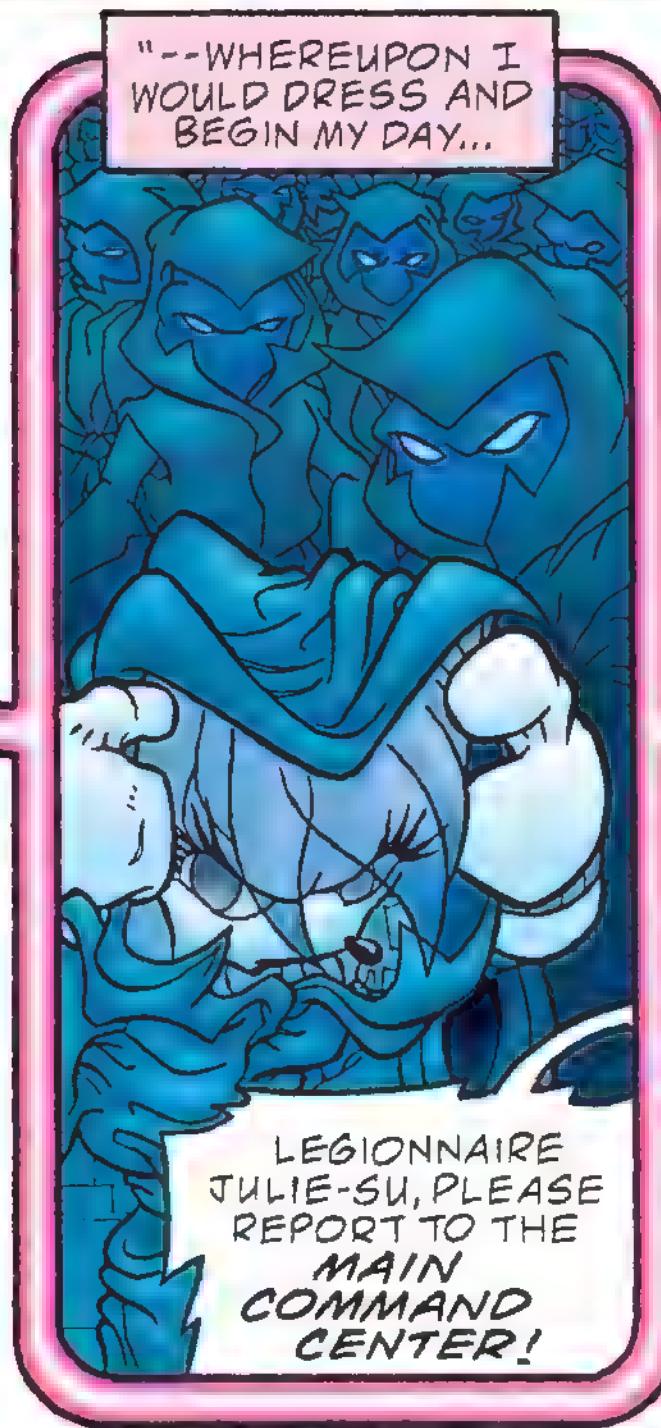
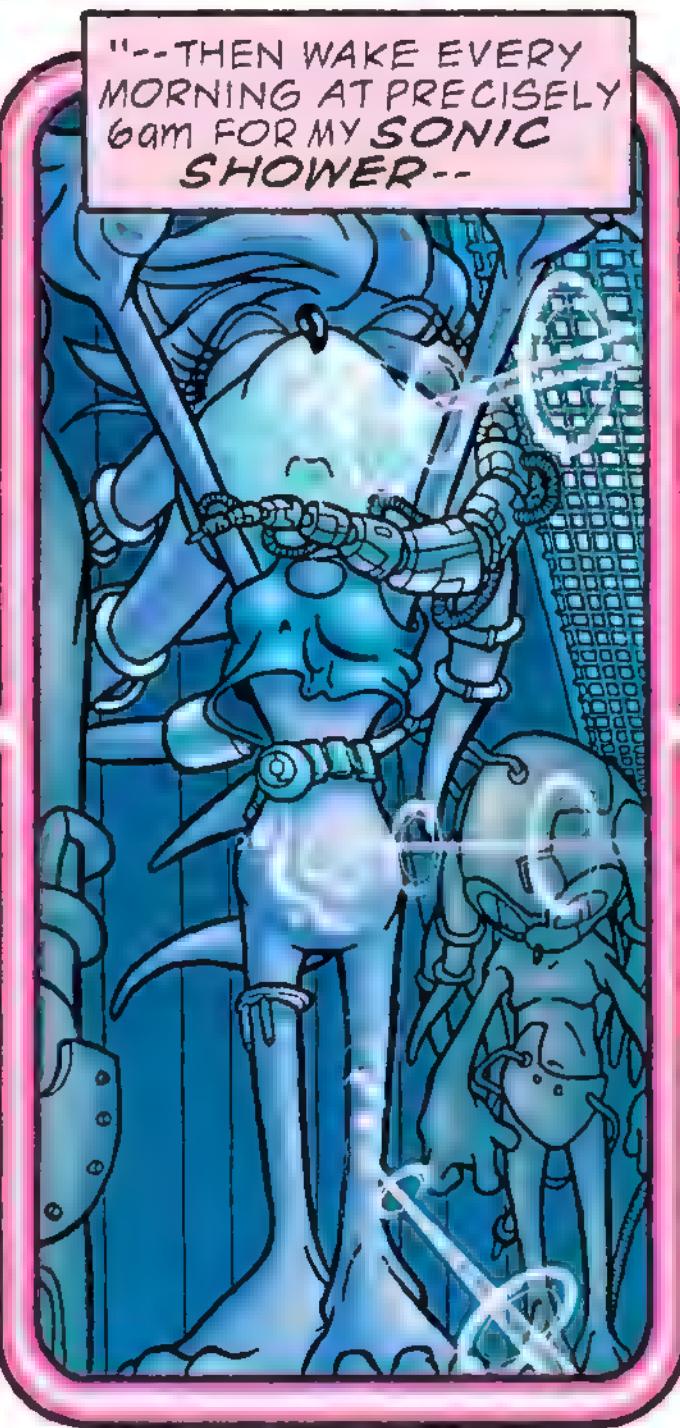
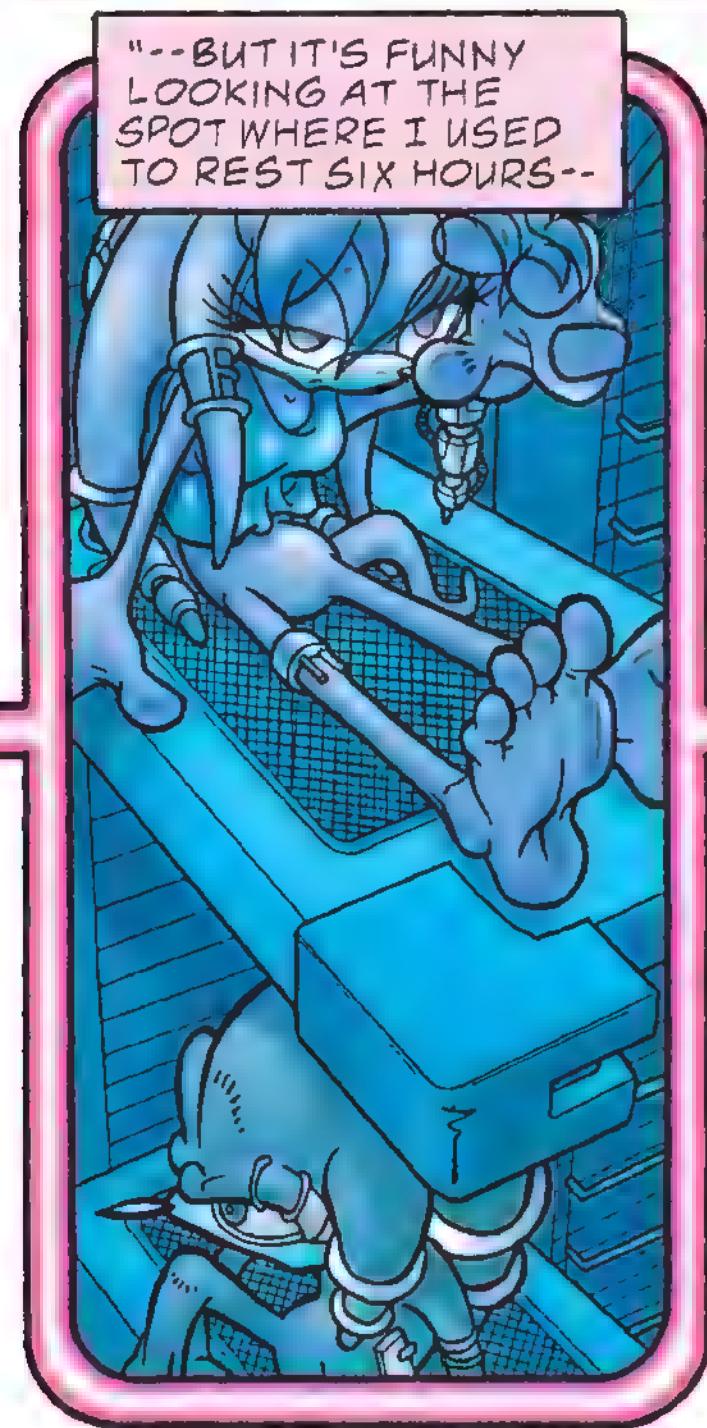
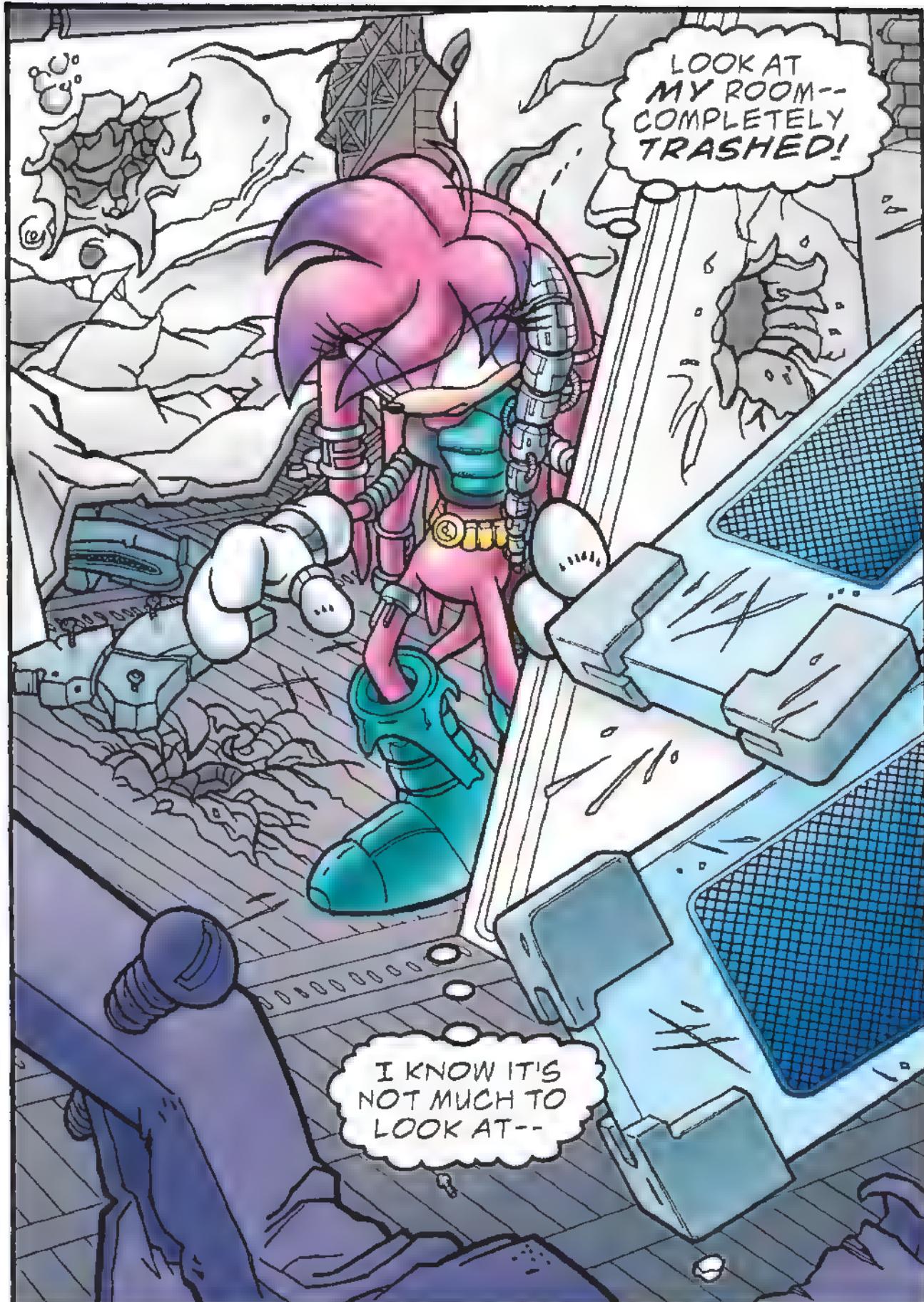
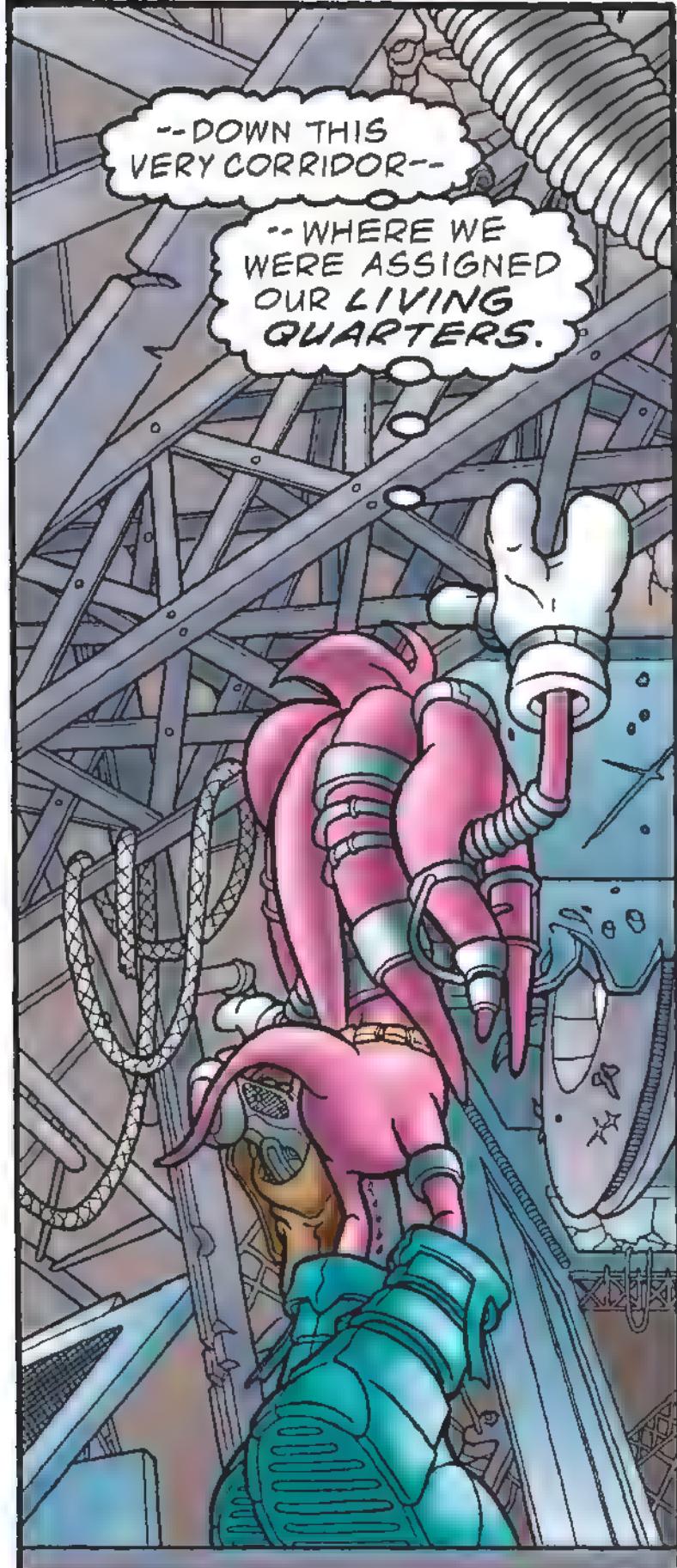
KNUCKLES ARCHIVES VOL. 1
--EDITOR

NOT A SOUND
--OR SIGN OF LIFE--
ANYWHERE!

ALL THE
EFFORT IT TOOK
TO BUILD THIS
PLACE--LEFT TO
ROT!

STILL...

...THE POSSIBILITY
REMAINS I MAY YET FIND
WHAT I CAME FOR--



LEGIONNAIRE
JULIE-SU REPORTING
AS ORDERED,
SIR!

TAKE OVER
AT NAVIGATION,
LEGIONNAIRE!
AS YOU
COMMAND!

"FOR SOME REASON, I ALWAYS
FELT LIKE KRAGOK AND
HIS SECOND-IN-COMMAND, WHO
EVERYONE REFERRED TO AS
KOMMISSAR, WERE CONSTANTLY
WATCHING ME!"

"WHATEVER
THEIR REASONS
FOR DOING SO, I
NEVER LEARNED..."

WE'D HAVE
BEEN BETTER
OFF IF FATHER
HAD SIMPLY
JETTISONED
HER OUT OF AN
AIRLOCK YEARS
AGO!

FHUUUUMMM

HOLD IT!
THAT SOUNDED
LIKE A DOOR
SLIDING
OPEN!

COULD SOME-
ONE ELSE BE
LURKING AROUND
AS WELL?

IT
SOUNDED
LIKE IT CAME
FROM UP
THERE--PAST
THE
ARMORY!

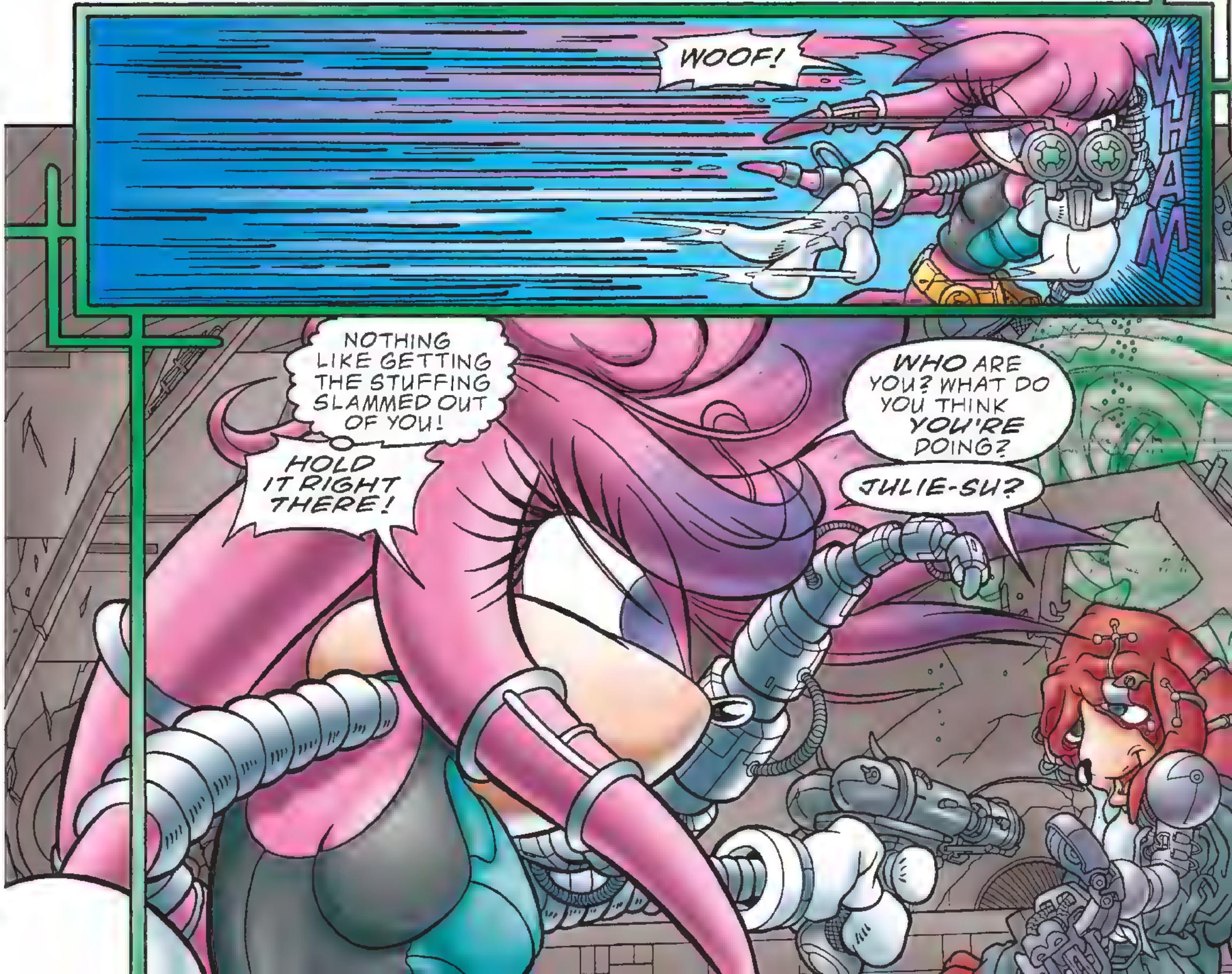
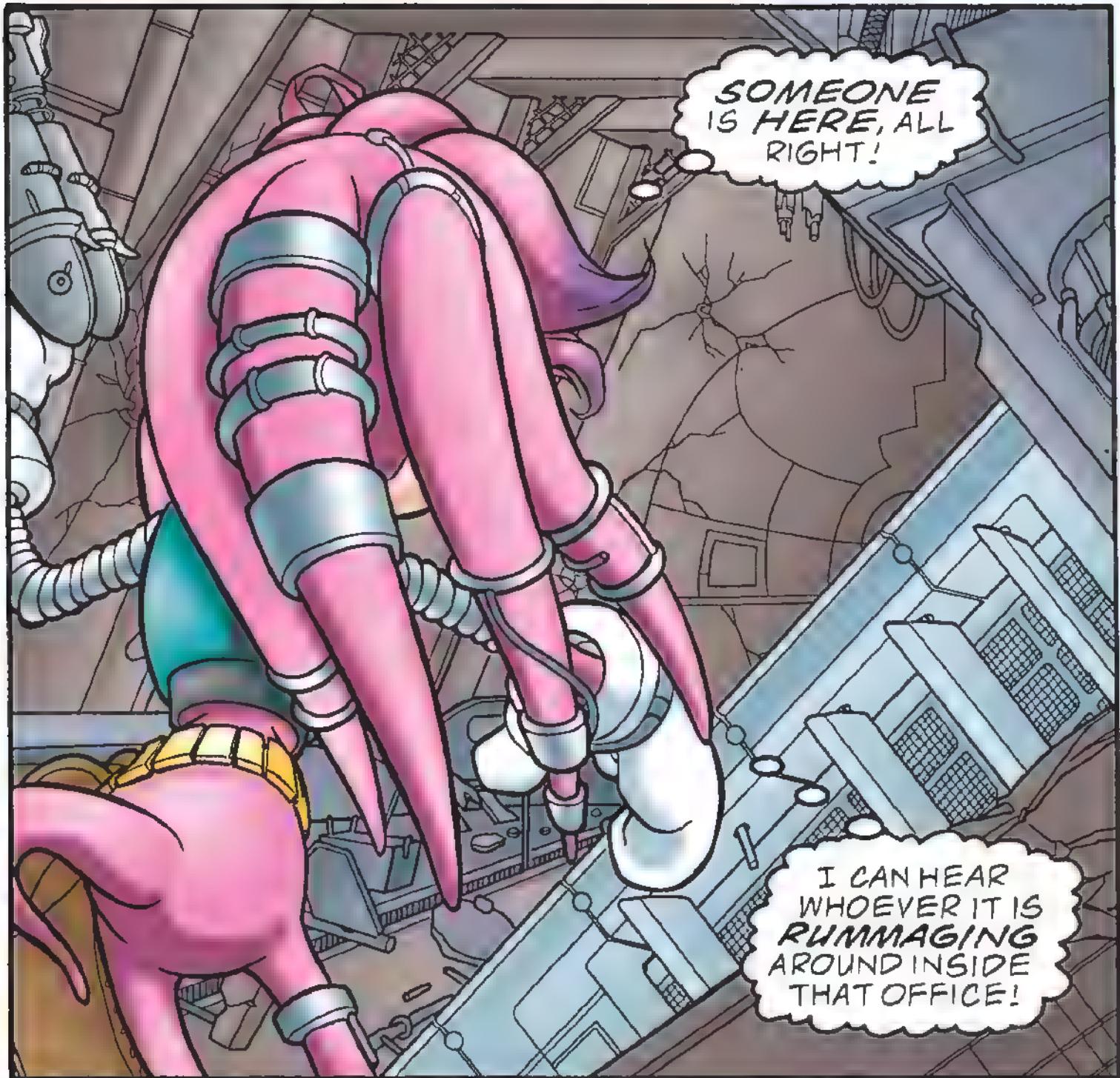
"I WAS OUTFITTED WITH
MY TASER IN THERE
JUST BEFORE KNUCKLES
HIT THE SCENE!"

CONSIDERING
I SHOULD BE THE
ONLY ONE HERE,
A PRECAUTION
OR TWO SHOULDN'T
HURT!

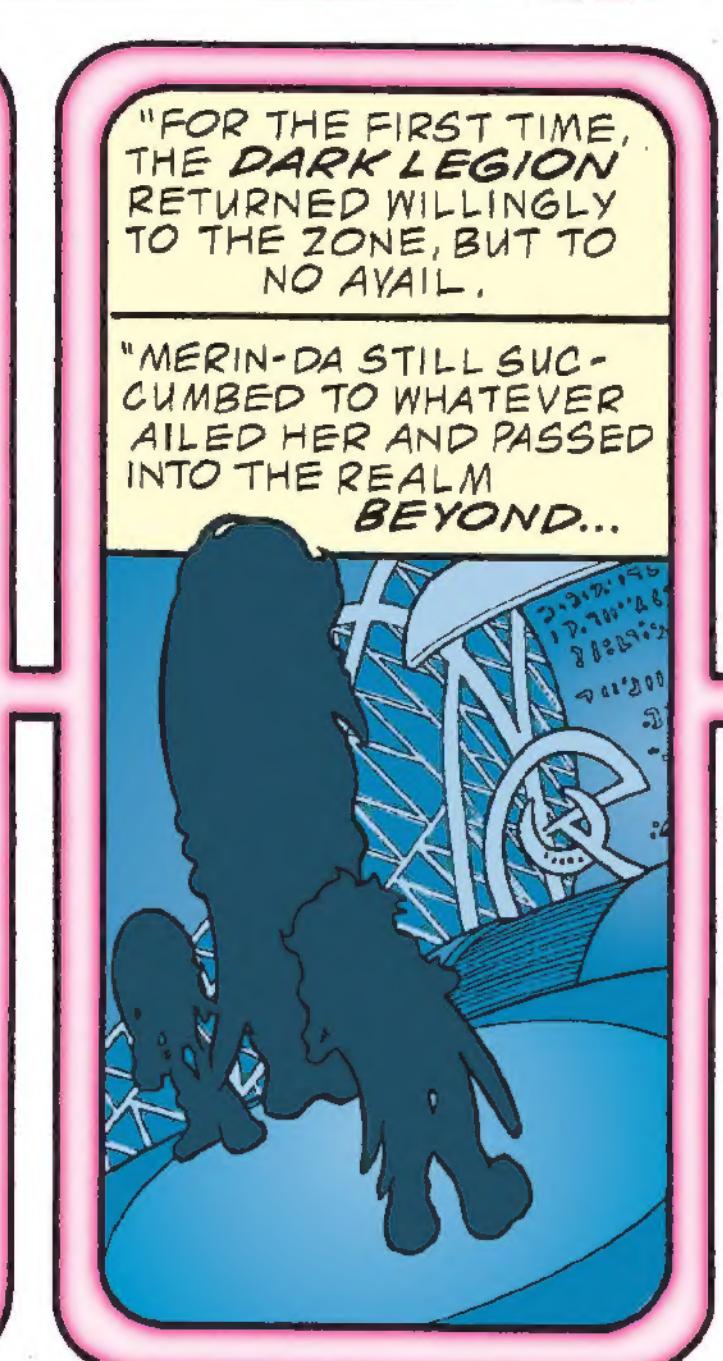
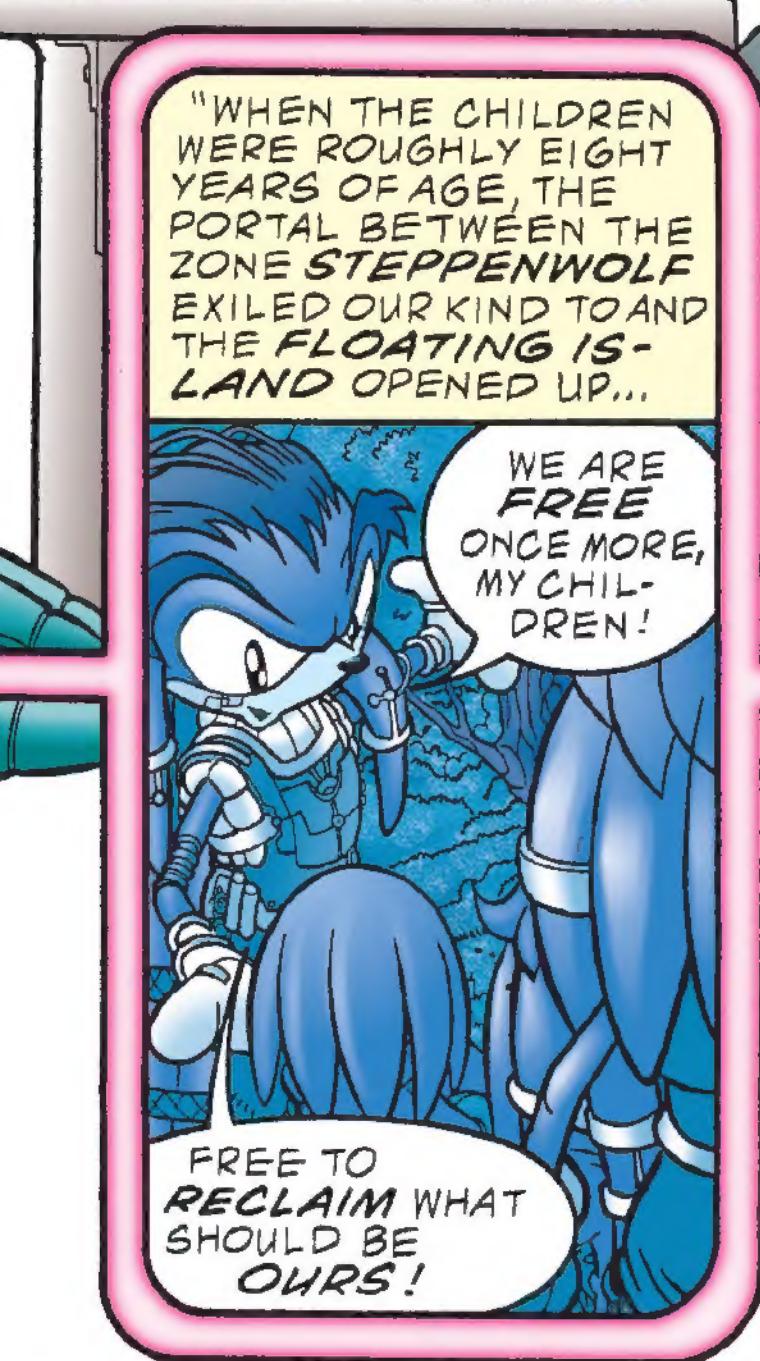
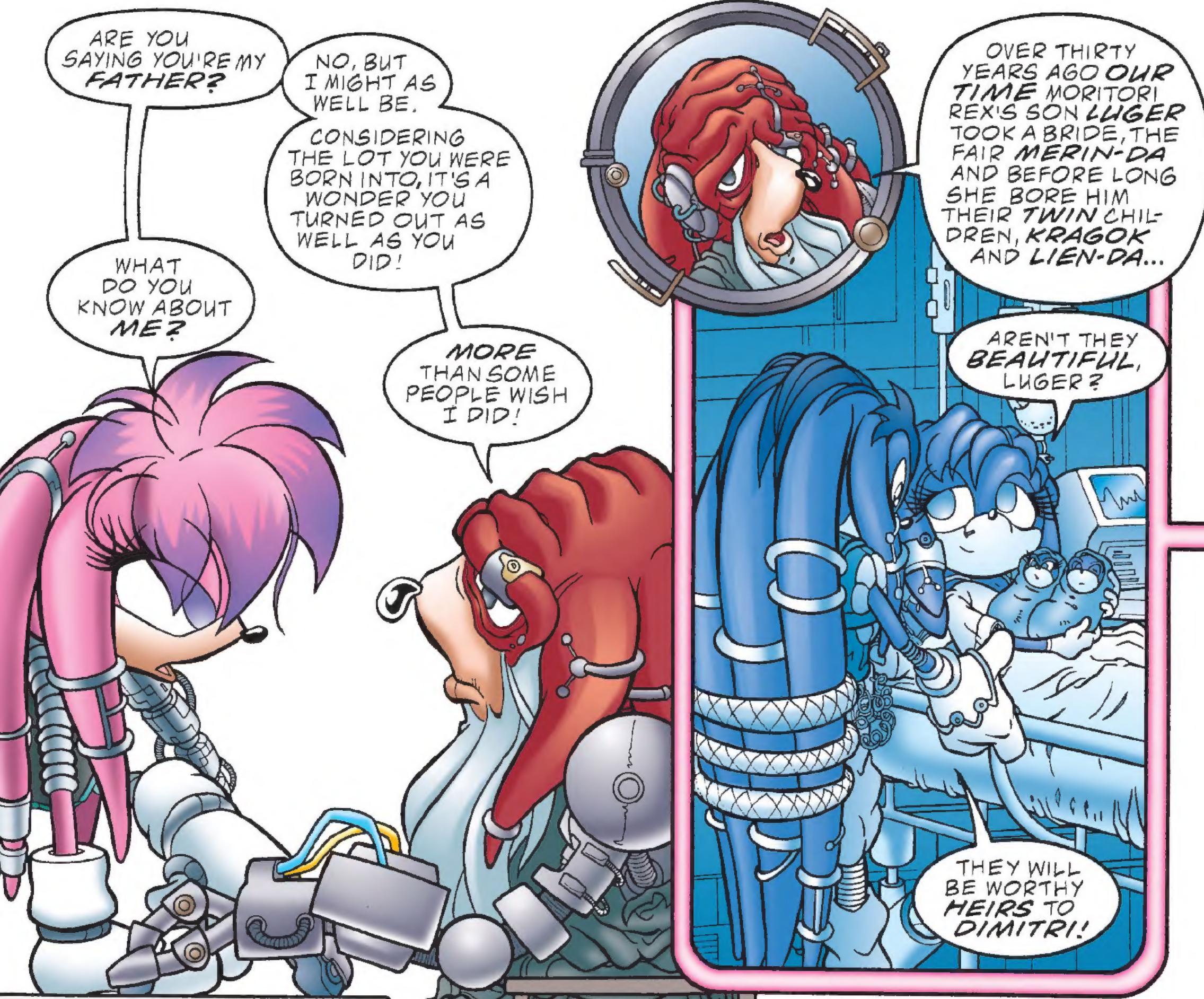
WELL,
I'LL BE--
FOOTSTEPS
COMING FROM
DOWN THIS
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NOT TO
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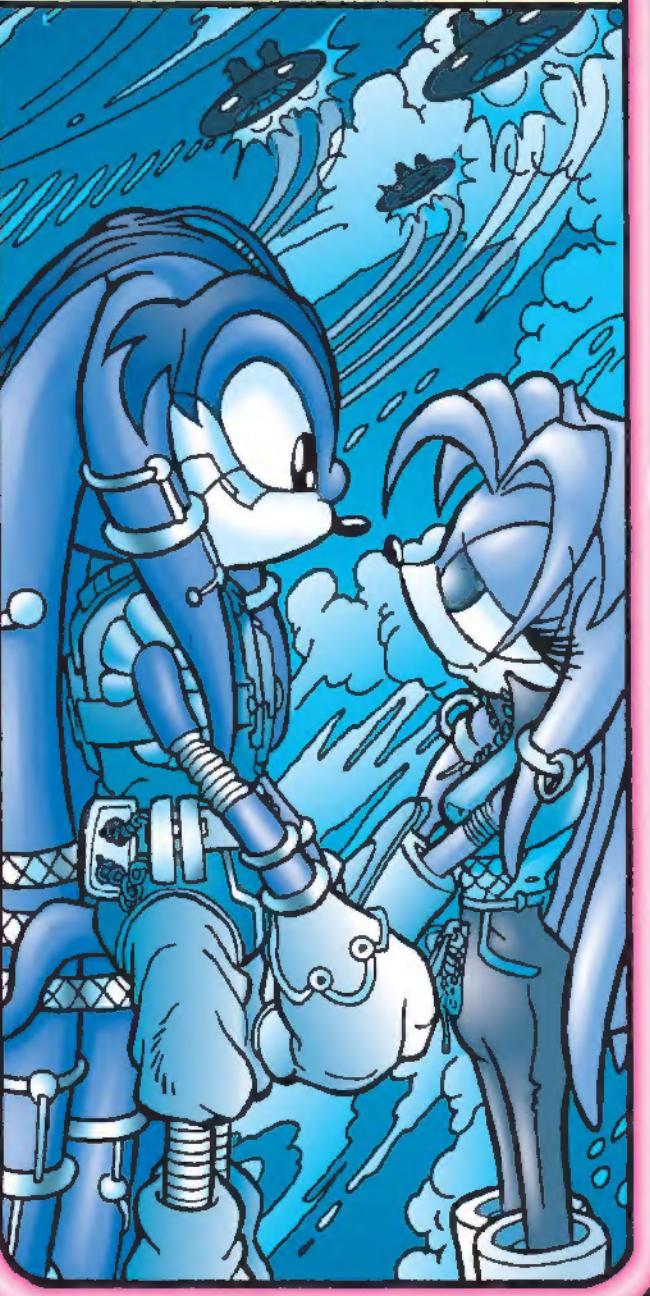
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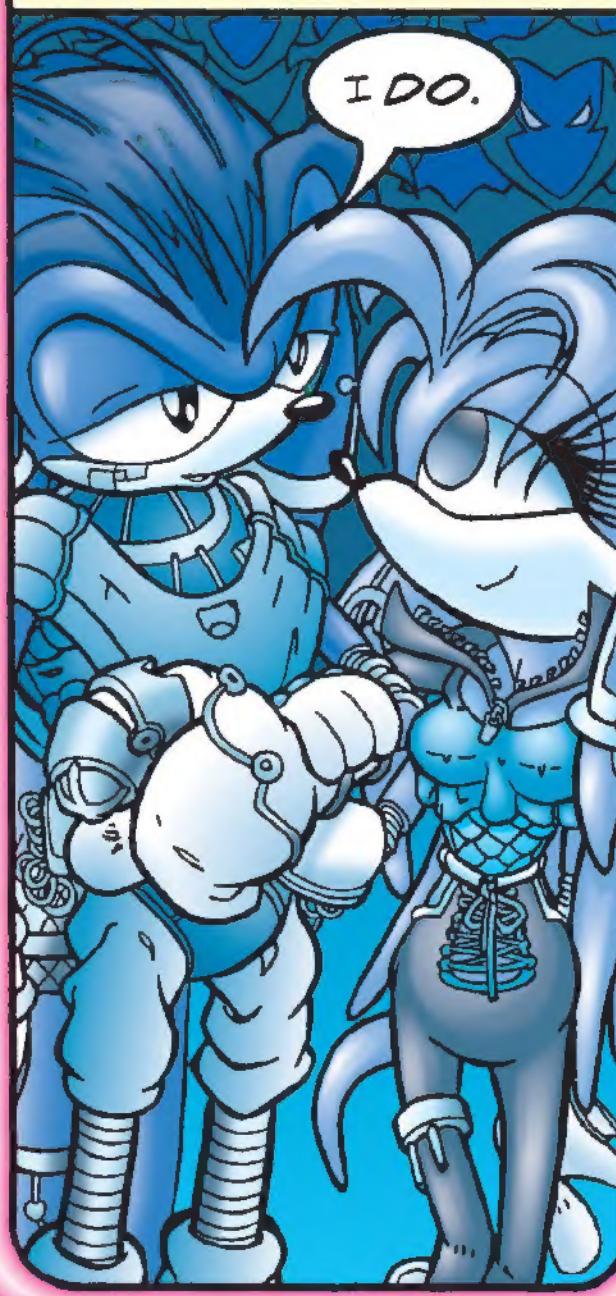
"SEVERAL YEARS WOULD PASS BEFORE LUGER RE-COVERED FROM HIS LOSS, BUT WHEN HE DID, HE ALSO FOUND THE FAIR MARI-SU, WHO WOULD PROVE VERY MUCH TO BE EVERY BIT AS CAPABLE AS HE..."



"WHILE LUGER MAY HAVE VIEWED HER AS A POTENTIAL MATE AND PARTNER, OTHERS - MORE SPECIFICALLY KRAGOK AND LEIN-DA, ABOUT SIXTEEN YEARS OLD AT THIS POINT - SAW MARI-SU AS A THREAT TO THEIR OWN AMBITIONS..."



"IF HE WAS DIS-PLEASSED WITH HIS CHILDREN'S REACTION LUGER NEVER BETRAYED ANY OUTWARD SIGNS, ESPECIALLY ON THE DAY HE TOOK MARI-SU TO BE HIS WIFE..."



"A YEAR OR SO LATER YOU WERE BORN..."

DON'T CRY, JULIE-SU!

DADDY WILL BE HERE AS SOON AS HE FINISHES WORK!

"I TELL YOU, MY DEAR, IT BROKE OUR HEARTS TO SEE YOU GROWING UP, ESPECIALLY AS A TODDLER!"

"THERE YOU WERE, WANTING SO BADLY TO PLAY WITH YOUR HALF-BROTHER AND HALF-SISTER--

--ONLY TO BE COMPLETELY IGNORED AND SHUNNED BY THEM!

"JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT IT COULDN'T GET ANY WORSE FOR YOU--

"--THAT'S WHEN MARI-SU MET WITH A TRAGIC ACCIDENT WHICH CLAIMED HER LIFE!"

GOOD RIDDANCE!

"LUGER DIDN'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT RAISING A CHILD, SO HE ENTRUSTED YOU INTO THE CARE OF MY WIFE FLOREN-CA..."

I'M SORRY, JULIE-SU, BUT I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME!

FLOREN-CA WILL TAKE WONDERFUL CARE OF YOU!

"NOT LONG AFTER, LUGER DIS-APPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE, NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN."

"TO THIS DAY, NO ONE KNOWS WHAT REALLY HAPPENED, THOUGH I HAVE MY SUSPICIONS..."

"IN ANY EVENT, THERE WASN'T ANY DISCONTENT AMONG THE RANK-AND-FILE WHEN KRAGOK SEIZED POWER SHORTLY THEREAFTER..."

"SINCE KRAGOK AND LIEN-DA HAD NO DESIRE WHATSOEVER TO INVOLVE YOU IN THEIR AFFAIRS, THEY ACTIVATED A MEMORY NEUTRALIZING CHIP EVERY DARK LEGIONNAIRE HAS INSTALLED UPON BIRTH."

"THEY ORDERED US TO PRETEND YOU WERE AN ORPHAN, AND THAT FLOREN-CA WAS THE ONLY PARENTAL FIGURE YOU'D EVER KNOWN."

"BECAUSE I WORKED DIRECTLY UNDER MOROTORI REX AS HIS AIDE, KRAGOK AND LIEN-DA KNEW I DIDN'T FEAR THEM, SO THEY REASSIGNED ME TO LEAD AN INFANTRY UNIT ON SUPPLY RAIDS, HOPING THAT WOULD GET RID OF ME..."

EVEN THAT WASN'T ENOUGH! EVENTUALLY, THEY TOOK YOU AWAY FROM FLOREN-CA!

SHE TOOK CARE OF YOU FOR ALMOST EIGHT YEARS! AND YOU BECAME THE DAUGHTER WE NEVER HAD!

SO WHY DON'T I REMEMBER ANY OF THIS? ESPECIALLY FLOREN-CA?

WE FIGURED KRAGOK AND LIEN-DA MUST HAVE PERFORMED A MIND-WIPE ON YOU!

WHEN WE DISCOVERED YOU WERE ALIVE AND WELL, I CAME HERE TO GATHER EVIDENCE FOR YOUR BENEFIT!

IF YOU REALLY WERE WITH THE LEGION YOU'D HAVE KNOWN I WAS ALWAYS AROUND!

SHORTLY AFTER THEY'D TAKEN YOU, THE PORTAL OPENED AGAIN.

THAT'S WHEN I MADE THE DECISION TO TAKE FLOREN-CA AND SETTLE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

SO WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

LET'S GO HOME, CHILD!

I KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD DEARLY LOVE TO SEE YOU!

WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

LET'S GO!

A BEGINNING